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— 12th March 1792 —

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified & legally warned, in public Town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall, on Monday 12th day of March 1792.

The article in the warrant viz. to choose a School Com=mittee was read, & on motion: -- Voted, That in addition to the Selectmen, twelve persons shall now be chosen, and the following gentlemen were accordingly chosen by ballot. — viz.t —

Honble Thos Dawes	+ Dr Nathl Appleton
Revd Saml West	+ Jona Mason Junr Esqr —
+ Revd John Lothrop	Dr Aaron Dexter
+ Revd James Freeman	+ Christopher Gore Esqr
+ John C Jones Esqr —	+ George R Minot Esqr —
Dr Thomas Welsh	+ Wm Tudor Esqr —

Moved & Voted. That the petition signed by John Sweetser Esqr be referred to the School Committee for their consideration, to report at the adjournment such alterations in the present system of public education as they shall judge may be expe=dient.

Mr Carter's petition being read, the same was referred to the school Committee to consider the same, and after having + consulted with the schoolmasters, to report at the adjournment

Attest.

Copy. — Wm Cooper, Town Clerk —

Original on file. —

The above named gentlemen were notified by Ezekiel Price Esqr to meet at the Selectmen's room March 16. 1792. —

At a meeting of the School Committee, March 16. 1792

Present. Ezekiel Price Esqr. Col Crafts, Mr Edwards Mr Little Mr Bulfinch. —

Col Dawes, Mr Jones, Dr Appleton, Dr Welch, Mr Minot Mr West & Mr Mason. —

The vote of the town was read appointing the School Comee for the current year. — on motion

Voted. To come to the choice of a Secretary & Treasurer for the year ensuing. — The ballots being taken, Mr Charles Bulfinch was declared to be chosen Secretary & Treasurer.

A Vote of the Town at the late meeting was read, referring the petition of John Sweetser Esq. & others to the School Committee.

Voted. That the said petition be considered at the next meeting of this Committee: and that the Secretary be directed to inform Mr Sweetser and the other petitioners of the time of the next meeting, and to desire them to attend. —

A Vote of the Town was read referring the petition of Mr James Carter to the School Committee; the petition was also read &

Voted thereupon: That Wednesday next 4 oClock PM be assigned to consider the petition of Mr James Carter, and that the + Schoolmasters be desired to attend.

Adjourned to Wednesday. 4 oClock PM. —

At a meeting of the School Committee, March 16. 1792 by adjournment. — Present. Mr Price, Mr Sever, Deacon Bordman Col Crafts, Mr Walley, Mr Edwards, Mr Little & Mr Bulfinch. Col Dawes, Dr Lathrop, Mr West, Dr Dexter, Dr Welch, Mr Jones & Mr Minot. —

The Schoolmasters attended the Committee, agreeable to their request; also John Sweetser Esq; Deacon Bailey, Drs Gridley

& Major Davis in behalf of the gentlemen who had petitioned the town for a change in the system of education.

A general conversation ensued, on the subject of the petition, Mr Sweetser & Deacon Bailey stated their objections to the present system which they thought particularly injurious to the lads des=tined to buſsineſs which required a readineſs in Arithmetick; they wished that such lads might spend the whole of their last year in writing & arithmetick, instead of dividing the time between those objects and reading. — The masters were severally ques=tioned on the advantages of the present plan of education, and unanimously gave their opinion in favor of it — explained their mode of teaching — and the writing masters were fully of opinion that the boys made as great proficiency in writing and arithme=tick as under the old mode, and that the time devoted to arith=metick was fully ſufficient to qualify any youth for the common buſsineſs of a counting house. — Upon the whole it appeared that the present system had produced the great advantage of giving edu=cation to a great number of females, without depriving the boys of their ſhare of the master's attention. —

The gentlemen petitioners expreſsed themselves pleased with this opportunity of inquiring into the grounds of their complaint, and their ſatisfaction at the information given them by the Masters. — The gentleman withdrew, after Mr Sweetser had recommended to the Committee to adopt some mode of aſsisting the children of the destitute poor in the early stage of education. —

The Schoolmasters having withdrawn. The Committee voted Unanimously that the Chairman ſhould report the following at the adjourned Town meeting. —

"That the School Committee have heard the gentlemen "who petitioned for an alteration in the present system of education, "and have consulted with the School masters upon the subject of the

"said petition; and are of opinion, that it is not expedient to make
"the alterations in the present system of education which are pro:
"=posed by the petitioners. – and request leave to sit again upon the
"subject of Mr James Carter's petition."

Voted. That Mr James Carter's petition be aſsigned to the next stated
meeting, and that the Secretary be directed to ask the attendance
of the School masters. —

At a meeting of the School Committee April 3d 1792

The town Clerk left a notification that the Revd James Freeman
having declined serving as one of the School Committee the Town
had made choice of the Revd John Clarke to complete the number.
Also. that the Town accepted the report of the Committee as
recorded in the Transactions of the last meeting. —

Present. Mr Price, Mr Walley, Mr Seaver, Col: Crafts Mr Bulfinch &
Mr Scollay. – Col: Dawes, Mr Jones, Dr Lathrop, Mr West,
Mr Clarke, Dr Welsh, Dr Dexter & Mr Mason. —

The School masters attended, agreeable to the desire of the
Committee. — Mr Carter's petition was read, and a general
conversation ensued, between members of the Committee & the School=
=masters upon the subject of private schools & increase of salary, &
it appeared generally their opinion that it would be for the interest
of the schools that the salaries should be increased, and no private
schools allowed. The masters urged the neceſsity of an increase of
salary from the advanced price of the articles in family use, & the
loſs of the emoluments of their private schools. —

The Masters withdrew. and the further consideration of the
subject was referred to the next meeting. —

Voted. That Dr Appleton, Dr Dexter & Mr Bulfinch be a Committee to sub:
:divide this Committee for visiting the schools.

Voted. That the Comee appointed last year for erectg the new School house
at the north part of the town, be directed to take measures to effect ye same

At a meeting of the School Committee May 1st 1792. —

Present. Mr Price, Mr Walley, Mr Edwards, Mr Scollay, Mr Seaver
Deacon Bordman & Mr Bulfinch. —
Col Dawes, Mr Jones. Dr Welsh, Mr West, Mr Clarke. Dr Appleton
Dr Lathrop. —

The following report of the Committee appointed to subdivide the School-committee for the monthly visitations of the schools was read & accepted.

Messrs Price, Scollay, West. Dawes, Tudor & Mason. — to visit. —
the Latin School in .... May
the South Schools in .... June July & August.
the Centre Schools in .... Septr October & November
the North Schools in .... Decemr Jany & February. —

Messrs Walley. Little, Bulfinch, Appleton & Clarke. — to visit
the South School in .... May
the Centre schools in .... June, July & August
the North schools in .... Sepr October & November
the Latin school in .... Decr Jany & February. —

Messrs Bordman, Crafts. Lathrop. Dexter & Gore. .. to visit
the Centre schools in .... May
the North schools in .... June, July & August.
the Latin school in .... Sepr October & Novemr. —
the South schools in .... Decemr Jany & February.

Messrs Seaver, Edwards, Jones, Welsh & Minot. .... to visit.
the North schools in .... May.
the Latin school in .... June, July & August.
the South schools in .... Sepr October & Novemr.
the Centre schools in .... Decemr Jany & February

Upon consideration of Mr Carter's petition to the town referred to the School Committee

Voted. That the masters be allowed to keep private schools after the hours of public schools in the afternoon. —

After much conversation & deliberation on a motion to augment the salaries of the School masters for the ensuing year it was

Voted. That an Augmentation be made in the salaries. —

Votes were then taken respecting the salaries of the several teachers, and it was Voted. That the salaries for the ensuing year should be as follows. —

The Salary of the Latin Grammar master . . . £200 — —
of the writing ſchool masters . . . . . . 200 — —
of the reading school masters . . . . . . 200 — —
The Salary of the Usher to the Latin Grammar ſchool £80 —
of the Ushers to the reading schools . . . . . . 80 —
of the Usher to the writing schools . . . . . . 80 —
To commence from the first of March last. —

The School Committee was warned to meet at the regular monthly period June 1792. — but a ſufficient number did not appear to form a quorum. —

At a meeting of the School Committee June 15. 1792. —
Present, Mr Price, Mr Walley, Mr Seaver, Col Crafts, Mr Little, Mr Scollay, Mr Bulfinch. —
Dr Lathrop, Mr West, Mr Clarke, Dr Dexter, Dr Welch, Dr Appleton & Mr Minot. —

Voted. That the Annual visitation of the schools be on friday the 6th of July next, in the same order, and under the same regulations as on the last year's visitation. —
That the Secretary be directed to inform the masters of the arrangement, as far as respects their several ſchools. —

Voted. That the Committee chosen the last year to superintend the building the north school house; be directed to proceed upon the buſineſs with dispatch, and in the manner which their judge-ment and prudence may direct. —
Dr Welch begged leave to decline serving as one of the above named Committee, and his resignation was accepted. —

Voted. That any three of the above named Committee be a quorum to transact buſineſs. —

Adjourned to friday 6th July next. 8 oClock AM. —

At a meeting of the School Committee August 7th 1792. —

Present, Mr Vice Deacon Boreman, Col Crafts, Mr Little Mr Scollay Col Dawes, Revd Mr West, Dr Lathrop, Mr Clarke, Mr Jones, Dr Dexter, Dr Appleton & Mr Tudor. —

On application of Mr Bingham & Mr Tichnor. —

Voted. That they have leave of absence for three weeks, provided they employ suitable instructors for their respective schools to the acceptance of the sub Committee who visit the present month. —

Voted Unanimously. That the Sub Committee who now superintend the North Schools be directed to wait on Mr Cheney, the Master of the North reading school and inform him that this Committee have for these 18 Months past been dissatisfied with the state of the school under his care, and it is their unanimous opinion that he cannot be any longer serviceable in that department, and that they request he would provide himself with some other employ before the first of November next. —

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday next, to meet at 5 oClock P.M. and that the sub Committee of the North Schools report at the Adjournment. —

At a meeting of the School Committee by Adjournment 14th Aug. 1792.

Present. Mr Boreman, Col Crafts Mr Little, Col Dawes, Dr Lathrop Revd Mr West, Mr Clarke — Mr Jones, Mr Mason, Mr Gore, Dr Dexter, Mr Merritt, & Dr Appleton —

Voted. That Dr Appleton be Secretary pro hac vice.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to wait on Mr Cheney, the master of the North Reading school, reported that they had complied with the duty assigned them. —

A letter from Mr Cheney dated 14th Aug. & addressed to the School Committee was read, (see original on file). +

After deliberation, upon Motion.

Voted. That Mr Cheney be informed that the Vote of this Committee

respecting him, which passed on the 7th instant, was not founded particularly upon the complaint of any individual against him, but upon the general observation of the several members of the Com. as to the state of the School & the progress of the Scholars under his care; and that the Committee in compliance with the duty which they owe the town, cannot but adhere to the sentiments held up in their said vote, and shall consider the place of Master of the North reading school as vacant, after the first day of Novem^r next.

An application to this Committee, signed by Edward Proctor & many other citizens residing at the North part of the town, requesting that some measures may be adopted to provide them with better instruction for their children, than they now receive from the present Grammar master; was received & read. —

Voted. That this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday next 5 o'Clock and that the absent members be notified by the Secretary

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At a meeting of the School Committee Tuesday 21st August 1792

Present. Ezekiel Price Esq. Deacon Bordman, Mr Wally, Col: Crafts Mr Seaver, Mr Edwards, Mr Little, Mr Bulfinch, & Mr Scollay. — Col Dawes, Rev^d Mr West, Rev^d Mr Clarke, John C Jones Esq. Mr Gore, Mr Minot, Mr Mason, Mr Tudor, Dr Welch Dr Appleton

The Committee took into consideration the propriety of advertising in the public papers that the office of master of the north reading school would be vacant on the first of Novr and to point out the mode in which Candidates should apply. —

It was voted Unanimously,

That the office of master of the North reading school will be vacant on the first day of Novem^r next, and that on the first Tuesday of October next this Committee will proceed to the choice of a master for said school, and that all persons desirous of becoming candidates for said office leave their names and place of residence with the Secretary of this Committee before the first day of October.

The Secretary was directed to publish the said vote in the public News paper. —

Voted. That the masters be permitted to give their ſcholars a play day in Testimony of the Committees approbation of their conduct & performance at the Annual visitation. — provided that the masters of the aſsociated schools ſhall agree upon the ſame day.

Voted.. That the books of Mr Vassalls donation be distributed to the ſeveral subcommittees to be given to the boys, who shall appear to them, the most deſerving —

Voted. That a Committee be chosen to aſcertain the expence of procuring medals, to carry into effect the intention of the late Dr Franklin in his donation. —

Wm Tudor Esq. Revd Mr Clarke & Mr C W Bulfinch were accordingly chosen. —

At a meeting of the School Committee Sept 21. 1792. —

Present. Ezekiel Price Esq. Mr Walley Dr Bardman, Mr Tower Col: Crafts, Mr Little, Mr Scollay, Mr Bulfinch. — S Jones Esq: Revd Mr West, Dr Dexter, G R Minot Esq: Col Dawes Revd Mr Clarke, Wm Tudor Esq: Dr Welsh & Dr Appleton. —

A letter from Mr Cheney dated Sept 3. 1792 requesting that the Committee would once more consider their proceedings respecting him, and certificates exhibited by him from a number of persons that it would be conducive to the interests of the town that he ſhould be continued in his employment as a ſchool master, were read; and thereupon the question was put whether the Committee will reconsider their votes of the 7th & 14th August last for removing Mr Samuel Cheney from the North reading school, and was determined in the negative unanimously. —

An application from a number of reſpectable citizens, requesting that a meeting of the School Committee might be called; & that Mr Cheney might have ſpeedy information of the decision of the Committee respecting him. —

Voted. That the Secy. be directed to furnish Mr Cheney with copies of the votes of this Committee reſpecting him. —

At a meeting of the School Committee October 2d 1792. —

Present. Mr Price, Mr Walley, Mr Sever, Dr Bowman, Col Craft, Mr Edwards, Mr Little, Mr Bentjinith, Mr Sedlay. —
Revd Dr Lathrop, Mr West, Col Dawes, Mr Jones, Mr Gore, Dr Dexter, Dr Welsh, Dr Appleton. —

The vote of the Town was read, which passed at the last Town meeting on the 28th Ulto. referring the application of Mr Cheney and others to the School Committee. Also a further written application from Mr Cheney; requesting, for reasons therein assignd that he may be continued in the office of master of the North reading school. —

Upon motion, whether from a review of all circumstances relative to Mr Cheney's case, the Committee are of opinion that he can, consistently with their views of the duty of a master of the North reading school, be continued in that office; it was de=termined in the Negative Unanimously. —

Pursuant to an advertisement in the public papers according to the vote of the Committee of 21st August; applica=tions were received from several gentlemen, offering themselves as candidates for the place of master of the North reading school.
Letters to this effect were read from

Mr Philip Draper . . . . of Dedham
Samuel Payson . . . . of Charlestown
Joseph Dana . . . . . . of Boston
John Walton . . . . . of Reading
Joseph Long . . . . of Newbury Port.

After some conversation, voted.
That the choice of master for the North reading School be postponed to this day fortnight; when any member of the Committee may have liberty to nominate any candidate in addition to the above named applicants. —

Adjourned to Tuesday 16th instant

At a Meeting of the School Committee Oct: 16. 1792

Present. Mr Price, Mr Bordman, Col Crafts, Mr Sever, Mr Little, Mr Scollay. — Col Dawes, Dr Lathrop, Dr Welsh, Mr Clarke Dr Appleton, Dr Dexter & Judge Minot. —

Voted: That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday 12 o'Clock then to make choice of a master for the North Read'g School.

At a meeting of the School Committee October 18. 1792. —

Present, Mr Price, Mr Bordman, Col Crafts, Mr Sever, Mr Edwards Mr Little Mr Scollay. —
Col Dawes, Dr Welch, Dr Dexter, Mr Mason, Mr Gore, Mr West, Dr Lathrop, Mr Clarke, Mr Tudor, Dr Appleton & Judge Minot.

Mr West propos'd Mr Nelson, & Mr Edwards propos'd Mr Amos Crosby as candidates for Master of the North read'g School.

On Motion, Voted. That the Committee proceed to the choice of a master for the North Reading school. —

Upon counting and sorting the votes it was declared that Mr Amos Crosby was chosen by a majority of the votes. —

Voted. That the Chairman be requested to notify Mr Crosby of his appointment.

A Letter from Mr Vinal, accompanying his treatise of Arithmetick, was read. The consideration of it was postponed to the next regular meeting. —

At a meeting of the School Committee October 30. 1792

Present. Mr Price, Mr Lewis, Col Crafts, Mr Edwards, Mr Little
Mr Scollay & Mr Bulfinch. —
Mr Tudor, Dr Welch, D Dexter, D Appleton, Mr West, Mr Minot.

A letter from Mr Amos Crosby was read, declaring his acceptance of the office of Master of the North reading school.

Voted. That Mr Tileston be desired to direct the boys of both the North schools to attend in his school room, on Thursday morns, to meet the visiting Committee. —

Voted. That the visiting Committee of the North Schools be directed to take proper measures to introduce Mr Crosby into the office of master of the North reading school on the 1st of Novemr next.

Mr Vinal's letter, accompanying his Treatise on arithmetick was read; thereupon Voted.
That Revd D Lathrop, Revd Mr Clarke & Mr Wm Little be a Comm. to examine Mr Vinal's late publication on Arithmetick & to report their opinion of it.

The committee above named are desired to consult upon this subject, any gentlemen distinguished for their knowledge in this branch; and also the masters of the Centre & North writing schools. —

At a meeting of the School Committee Decemr. 4. 1792

Present. Deacon Bordman, Mr Scollay, Mr Bulfinch, Mr Little
Col Dawes D Lathrop, Mr Clarke, Mr West, Dr Welch, Dr Dexter
Dr Appleton, Mr Tudor, Mr Jones

The committee who have the superintendance of the building the North School house applied for instructions, which room should be prepared for the writing school

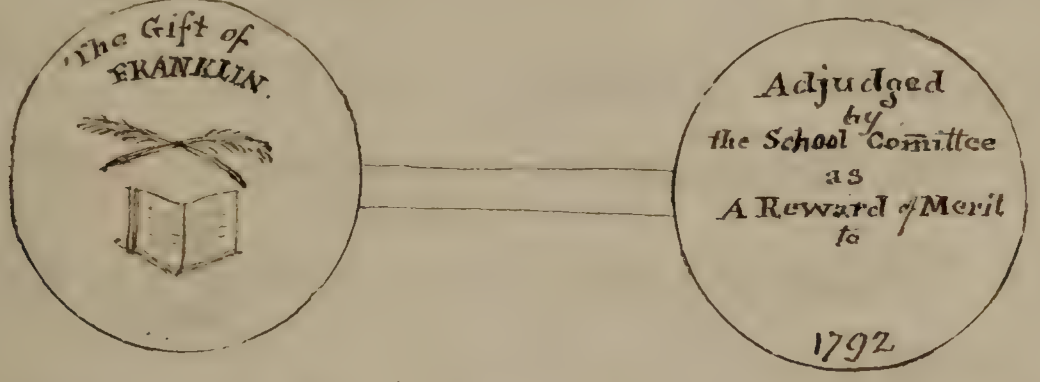
Voted That the lower room be appropriated to the writing, & the upper room to the reading school.

Voted; That the Semi Annual visitation of the Schools be on the first wednesday & thursday in January next - in order as fol:
The North & South schools on wednesday the 2d in the forenoon & the Centre & Latin Grammar Schools on thursday the 3d in the forenoon. —

That the boys be visited at the several writing schools, and that the reading masters there attend them. —

that the boys be first examined in Spelling Reading English Gram.r &c and afterwards in writing & Arithmetic. —

Mr. Tudor the chairman of the Committee appointed to ascertain the expence of procuring medals — reported that the interest of Dr. Franklin's donation would ~~furnish~~ procure Twenty one medals with an inscription & suitable device engraved thereon, agreeable to the sketch following.



[Vot]ed. That the same Committee be directed to have Twenty one medals executed agreeable to the above device. —

Adjourned to wednesday morng. 9 o'Clock of 2d Jany. next. —

On Wednesday & Thursday the 2d & 3d of Jany the Committee met and visited the Schools

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At a meeting of the School Committee Jany. 7. 1793

Present Deacon Bordman, Mr Edwards, Mr Little, Mr Sellay, Mr Bulfinch, Dr Lathrop, Mr West, Mr Clarke, Mr Tudor, Dr Appleton, Dr Welsh, Dr Dexter, Mr Jones, Mr Gore. —

The Committee went into debate upon the subject of Dr. Franklin's donation of Medals & the extract from his will being read,

[Vote]d. That the medals of Dr Franklin's donation be distributed in all the free schools in this town — & that three be appropriated to each school. —

Voted —

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Voted. That each school master be desired to send to the secretary a list of six of the best scholars in the highest class in his school, before the day to which this meeting will be adjourned —

Adjourned to friday P.M. 11th Jany. —

On friday the 11th Jany. a sufficient number of members did not appear to form a quorum for business, & they adjourned to tuesday the 14th. —

At a meeting of the School Committee Jany. 14. 1793. —

Present. Messrs. Walley, Boardman, Seaver, Crafts, Edwards Little & Selley. —

Dr. Lathrop Mr. West, Dr. Dexter, Dr. Appleton & Dr. Welsh.

The Committee went into a consideration of the subject of Dr. Franklin's donation of Medals

Voted. That at the present distribution of the Franklin Medals no boy who shall have received a medal in one school, shall be considered as a Candidate in any other.

Voted That the Masters of the several schools (except the Latin Sch be directed to bring forward 20 of the best boys in the upper class (provided there are so many in the class) at the next visit of the sub-committees for their examination.

Voted. That the boys chosen out by the masters, shall be examin by the subcommittees of the respective schools; who shall afterwards withdraw, and having agreed on the best boys, shall return to the school and distribute the Medals accordingly. —

Voted. That the Medals for the Latin Grammar school be distributed to the three boys, who are, in the judgement of the subcomm the best scholars in the upper class. —

Voted. That the Secretary furnish the Chairman of each subcomm with six medals except the chairman of the Latin School Committee, to whom he will deliver three —

[V]oted That the several Subcommittees be requested to attend to this buſiness immediately, and to make report of their doings in writing, at the next regular meeting. —

[V]oted. That the Secretary be requested to furnish the Chairman of each Sub-Committee, and the Master of each of the Schools with a copy of such votes paſsed at this meeting as relates to them respectively. —

At a meeting of the School Committee Feb.y 5. 1793.

Present. Deacon Bordman, Mr Little, Mr Sellay, Mr Bulfinch [Mr] Edwards, Dr Lathrop, Mr Clarke, Dr Appleton, Dr Dexter, Dr Welch, Mr Gore. Mr Jones. —

The Chairmen of the several visiting committees made report of the distribution of the Franklin Medals. — whereupon

[V]oted. That the names of those boys who have received medals in the several schools, be entered upon the records. —

In the Latin Grammar School. —

John. Collins Warren
John Joy. 3d
Daniel Bates Junr. —

North reading school.

William Savage
Isaac Parker.
John Lewis.

North writing school.

Robert Lash
John Snelling
Isaac Harris

A Letter from Mr Samuel Cheney to the Selectmen & by them referred to the School Committee, was read; - and considered --

Voted. That the Selectmen be requested to inform Mr Cheney, that the reasons which induced the School Committee to dismiss him from the North reading school, are recorded in their votes of the 7th & 14th of August last; - attested copies of which votes have been furnished him. —

The Committee appointed to examine "The Preceptor's assistant, "or Students Guide: being a systematical treatise of arith= "=metic, by John Vinal, Teacher of the Mathematics & writ= "=ing, in Boston," have attended that business, and are of opi- "nion, that the work is executed with judgement, and is as well calculated for the use of schools, counting houses & private fami- -lies, as any of the same compass, that has hitherto been offer'd to the public. -

Wm Little Jordan

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Voted. That the above report be accepted, and that Mr Vinal be furnished with a copy thereof, whenever he shall desire it. —

The Committee was warned to meet on Tuesday 4th March. -- but a sufficient number did not attend to transact business. —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in publick Town Meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 12th day of March 1793 —

The article in the warrant Viz.t to choose a School Committee was read and on motion — Voted that in addition to the Selectmen, twelve persons shall now be chosen, and the following Gentlemen were accordingly chosen by ballot — Viz.t

Hon Thomas Dawes Esq	Doct Aaron Dexter
Rev.d Samuel West	Hon George R. Minot Esq
Rev.d D.r John Lathrop	William Tudor Esq
Hon John Coffin Jones Esq	Rev.d John Clarke
Doct Thomas Welsh	Jon.a Loring Austin Esq
Doct Nath.l W. Appleton	M.r William Smith —

Attest

William Cooper Town Clerk

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The above named gentlemen were notified by Ezekiel Price Esq to meet at the Selectmens room Apr. 2d 1793

At a Meeting of the School Committee April 2d. 1793 —

Present —

Mess. Price Walley, Seaver, Crafts, Bordman, Scollay, Little — Col. Dawes, Rev.d D.r Lathrop, Rev.d M.r West Rev.d M.r Clarke Doct Appleton M.r Austin Doct Welsh M.r Smith —

The Vote of the Town was read appointing the School Committee for the current year — — On Motion

Voted — To come to the choice of a Secretary and Treasurer for the year ensuing — the ballots being taken William Scollay was declared to be chosen Secy. & Treas.r

Voted — That this Committee will meet on the first Monday of each month in the afternoon —

Voted — That the next monthly meeting be the time assigned for granting Salaries to the several School Masters and Ushers and that each Member of the Committee be notified thereof —

Voted

Voted — That the School Committee be subdivided as follows for the monthly visitations of the Schools — viz[t] —

Mess[rs] Price, Scollay, Lowell, West, Tudor & Austin to visit
the Latin School in - - - - - - - April & May
the South Schools in - - - - - June, July & August
the Centre Schools in - - - - - Sep[t] Oct[r] & November
the North Schools in - - - - - Decem[r] Jan[y] & Feb[y] —

Mess[rs] Walley, Little, Bulfinch, Appleton and Clarke —
the South Schools in - - - - - - - April and May
the Centre Schools in - - - - - - June, July & August
the North Schools in - - - - - - Sep[t] Oct[r] November
the Latin School in - - - - - Dec[r] Jan[y] & Feb[y] —

Mess[rs] Bordman Crafts Lathrop Dexter & Smith to visit
the Centre Schools in - - - - - - April and May
the North Schools in - - - - - - June, July & August
the Latin Schools in - - - - - Sep[t] Oct[r] & Nov[r]
the South Schools in - - - - - Dec[r] Jan[y] & February

Mess[rs] Seaver Edwards Jones, Welsh & Minot —— to visit
the North Schools in - - - - - - - April and May
the Latin School in - - - - - - - June July & August
the South Schools in - - - - - - September October & Nov[r]
the Centre Schools in - - - - - December Jan[y] & Feb[y] —

Voted that the Secretary be requested to notify the Chairman of each said Committee of his appointment together with the names of the Gentlemen appointed with him & that the several Com[s] be requested to visit the Schools in April —

Voted That Doct Appleton, Judge Tudor, M[r] Edwards be a Committee to take into consideration the state of the Franklin donation and report what measures are proper to be pursued respecting the future distribution of the Medals ——

A Letter from M[r] Ticknor was read and committed to Rev[d] M[r] Clarke, Rev[d] D[r] Lathrop & Rev[d] M[r] West to report at the next monthly meeting ——

Voted that the School Masters be requested to furnish the Committee with a list of the Names of the Scholars in their respective schools with the places of their abode on or before the first Friday of May next and that the Secretary be requested to send the Masters a copy of this Vote ——

At a Meeting of the School Committee May 3d. 1793

Present

Mr. Price Mr. Walley Mr. Edwards Mr. Crafts Mr. Scollay — Col. Dawes Mr. Jones Dr. Dexter Dr. Lathrop Dr. Welsh Dr. Appleton Mr. Clarke Judge Minot Judge Tudor & Mr. Smith ———

The report of the Committee on the state of the Franklin donation was taken up and read by paragraphs, a lengthy debate was had thereon and the further consideration postponed to the next meeting ———

After much conversation on the subject of augmenting the salaries of the School Masters for the ensuing year it was

Voted Unanimously that the salaries of the several School Masters and Ushers be the same for the ensuing year as was allowed them the last year ——

a Return from the Masters of the boys in their respective Schools was read ——— On Motion

Voted — That the School Masters be desired to furnish a return whenever called for by the Sub Committee of the number of Boys and Girls who actually attend their respective Schools each day both in the forenoon and afternoon ——

The application of Mr. Carter for leave to keep a private School after the hours of public Schools in the forenoon was debated and the further consideration of it was referred to the next Meeting ———

At a Meeting of the School Committee June 7. 1793 –

Present –

Mr. Walley Mr. Sears Mr. Crafts Mr. Bordman Mr. Little Scollay
Dr. Lathrop Revd. Mr. West Revd. Mr. Clarke Dr. Appleton Judge Minot Mr. Ver[illegible]

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the Franklin Donation and report what measures are prope[r] to be pursued respecting the future distribution of the Medals reported the following resolutions which were accepted

Vizt. — "That the Franklin Medals in future be distributed by the School Committee at the first examination after the semi Annual Visitation in July ——

"That the Medals be adjudged to the most deserving Boys in the upper class of each School —

"That the Medals be of the same size value and model as those distributed last January —

"That the device on those designed for the Latin Grammar School be a pile of Books the words Detur digniori inscribed on the same side — on the reverse Franklin Donation — adjudged by the School Committee of the Town of Boston to A. B. ——

"That the device and inscriptions for the Reading or English Grammar Schools and for the Writing Schools be the same as on those distributed in January last —

"That for the Year 1793 there be prepared Med[als] for the several Schools ——

"That those Boys who have already received Medals be not considered as Candidates at the next distribution ——

Voted — that Judge Tudor Revd. Mr. Clarke Mr. Bulfinch and Mr. Scollay be a Committee to prepare the Medals for the distribution in August ——

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a Donation of Fifty dollars having been received from the Singing Society worshiping with Dr. Stillman ———

Voted the thanks of the School Committee to the Society for their generous exertion in behalf of the Poor Children of this Town, and that they be assured that the money shall be appropriated agreeably to the professed design for which it was collected ———

Voted — that the Secretary transmit the foregoing vote to the Singing Society worshiping with Dr. Stillman

Voted — That the several sub Committees who now superintend the Reading Schools enquire of the several Masters the number of Poor Children who are destitute of Books in their respective Schools and report at the next Meeting ——— —

Voted — That for the recovery of his health Mr. Ticknor be allowed absence from this day to the 20th June & that Mr. Nelson take charge of his School during that term — ———

The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Ticknors English Exercises reported it be their opinion that the work was executed with judgment, and might be introduced to advantage into the Reading Schools, thereupon

Voted — That the several Reading Masters have liberty to make use of these Exercises in their respective Schools

The further consideration of Mr. Carters application for leave to keep a private school after the hours of Public School in the forenoon be referred to the next meeting ———

Adjourned to Friday 28th June —

At a Meeting of the School Committee June 20. 1793

Present

Mr. Price Mr. Walley Mr. Boardman Mr. Deacon Mr. Crafts Mr. Little
Mr. Edwards Mr. Bulfinch Mr. Scollay —
Col. Dawes Mr. Jones Mr. West Mr. Tudor Dr. Welsh Dr. Appleton
Dr. Lathrop Dr. Dexter Mr. Austin & Mr. Smith —

Mr. Cotton and Captain Clap appeared before the Committee with a complaint against Mr. Carter for refusing to receive their Children into the Centre Writing School —

Mr. Carter being sent and examined respecting the Complaint of Mr. Cotton & Clap withdrew — after considerable conversation on the subject —

Voted Unanimously that Mr. Carter be directed to receive into the Centre Writing School the Sons of Mr. Complitt Mr. Cotton and Mr. Clap and also the other three boys that are now candidates for admission into said School —

Voted That Doct Appleton Col. Dawes Mr. Jones Mr. Minot and Mr. Austin be appointed a Committee to take into consideration and report what measures are proper to be adopted for the future admission of Scholars, and what futher regulations are necesary for Promoting instruction and Government in the respective Schools —

Voted That the Annual Visitation of the Schools be on Monday the 8th. July that the Committee meet at Faneuil Hall and proceed from thence precisely at 8 O Clock A.M. —

"That the Children be visited at those Schools which they usually attend on the forenoon of that Week

"That the several Masters examine their Scholars and exhibit specimens of their proficiency in such manner as they may think proper —

"That the Children be first examined by that Master at whose School they are and afterwards by the other Master ——

"That 30 Minutes be allowed at each Writing School and 50 Minutes at each Reading School and from 50 to 60 Minutes at the Latin School as the time may be ——

"That the Schools be visited in the following Manner
1st. North Writing School — 2d. North Reading School
3d. South Writing School — 4th. South Reading School
5th. Centre Writing School — 6th. Centre Reading School
and lastly the Latin Grammar School ——

"That it be recommended to the several Reading Masters to confer together respecting the pieces to be read in their several Schools that there may not be a needless repetition ——

Voted — That the Sub Committee visiting the North Schools be requested particularly to examine those Boys who are said to be not qualified by Law for admission into the Public Schools and if any are found thus disqualified the Sub Committee will direct them to be dismissed from said Schools

At a Meeting of the School Committee August 2d. 1793

Present

Mr Walley Mr Crafts Mr Seaver Mr Edwards & Mr Scollay
Col. Davis Mr West Dr Lathrop Dr Appleton Judge Tudor
Judge Minot Dr Dexter Mr Austin Mr Jones, & Mr Clarke —

The Committee Appointed to take into consideration and report what measures are proper to be adopted for the future admission of Scholars and what further regulations are necessary for promoting instruction and government in the respective Schools report the following Votes as conducive to the business of their appointment which were read and accepted ———

1st. That on the last week of May and last week of November annually the several Masters Deliver to the Secretary of the School Committee an accurate List of the Boys who attend their respective Schools alphabetically arranged specifying their ages, places of abode, time of admission and time of leaving the School, and on the last week of May Annually a list of the Females in the same manner, and on the last week [blank] month the several Masters transmit to the Secretary a list of those Boys and Girls who have been admitted and of those who have left their Schools since the last return ———

2d. That no Master refuse admission into his School to any Boy or Girl qualified by the Law of the State and the Votes of the Town if offered by an Inhabitant ———

3d. That the stated time for admission of Boys into the Latin Grammar School be in the Month of July annually should admission however be requested at any other time it may be obtained and into such Classes as the Candidate upon examination shall be found qualified ———

The Sub-Com: who examined the Boys for the Franklin Medals at the North Reading & Writing Schools adjudged the same to

John Parker
Thos. Wells
Jno. Martin
Joseph Vincent
Andrew Symmes
& Gorham Cutler

— per order Willm Bordman

August 1793

The returns from the 20 schools of the names of the Boys to whom the medals were adjudged

Aug. 1793

Returns from Wn. Schools

The Gent: who examined the Boys at the Centre Reading School, for the Franklin Medals, adjudged them

to Nathan Davies jr
Jacob Dunnell
& James T. Austin.

& at the Centre Writing School, the Medals were given to
Nathl. W. Crafts
~~Wild~~
Barthw. Trow
&
Daniel Wild

pr order Thos. Walley

Aug. 1793

from the Latin Schools
Return of the Names
of the Boys to whom
the Medals were adjudged.

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4th That the Boys who attend the Latin Grammar School shall be instructed by the Usher in writing one hour every Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Friday afternoon and in Arithmetic one hour every Thursday and Saturday forenoon for the first two years of attending said School ———

5th Whereas the Ancient custom of exhibiting specimens of writing in select pieces so beneficial to the spirit of emulation has in some instances been omitted by the writing Master ———

That in future at the public annual visitation the several writing Masters are directed to exhibit specimens of the proficiency of their Scholars by such pieces as well as by their usual writing Books ———

Voted That the Secretary furnish the several Masters with a Copy of the foregoing Votes ——

Voted That the Secretary furnish the Chairman of each sub Committee with the Vote passed June 7th respecting an enquiry of the number of Poor Children in the several Schools and that the Latin Grammar School be included ———

The Committee appointed to procure the Medals for distribution the present Month laid them on the table ———

Voted That the Secretary furnish the Chairman of each sub Committee with Six Medals except the Latin Grammar School Committee to whom he will deliver three, and also a copy of the Votes adopted at the distribution in January last ———

Voted That the visiting Committees be requested to direct the Writing Masters to instruct the female Children in their several Schools to practice the writing a large hand ———

The subject of Introducing dialogues in the reading schools referred to the next Meeting ———

At a Meeting of the School Committee 5. Sept.r 1793

Present

Mr. Walley Deacon Boidman Mr. Seaver & Mr. Scollay —
Mr. West Mr. Clarke Mr. Austin Doct Appleton Doct Welsh
Judge Tudor Dr. Lathrop & Mr. Smith —

The Committee went into a Consideration of the Subject of the Female Children reading Dialogues in public —

Voted That the reading of Dialogues by the Misses in the several Schools on the public annual Visitation be in future dispensed with —

Voted – That a Copy of the above Vote be sent to the several reading Masters —

Mr. Phillips appeared before the Committee with a Complaint against Mr. Vinal for illusage of his Son and indecent language before the female children —

Voted That the Complaint of Mr. Phillips be referred to the sub Committee visiting Mr. Vinals School to report at the next meeting —

Voted That the distribution of the Franklin Medals be postponed till further orders for reasons assigned by the sub Committee visiting the Latin and South Schools —

At a Meeting of the School Committee 4 Octr. 1793
Present
Deacon Bordman Mr. Scollay — Revd. Mr. West Revd. Mr. Clarke
Judge Tudor Judge Minot Dr. Dexter Dr. Appleton Dr. Welsh
Mr. Austin Mr. Smith —

a Letter from Mr. Carter requesting leave to keep a private school the ensuing Winter, from 11 to 12 O Clock was read, after considerable debate on the subject, — — On Motion

Voted — That the further consideration of Mr. Carters Letter be reffered to next Friday 4 O Clock P.M at which time this Meeting is adjourned —

At a Meeting of the School Committee Oct. 18. 1793
Present
Deacon Bordman Messrs. Crafts Seaver Edwards and Scollay — Judge Minot Mr. Jones Dr. Welsh Mr. Clarke Austin & Appleton

Adjourned to Monday 21st. inst. —

At a Meeting of the School Committee Octr. 21. 1793 —
Present
Messrs. Price, Bordman Seaver Scollay — Col. Dawes Mr. West D. Lathrop Judge Tudor Mr. Jones, Mr. Austin Dr. Welsh Mr. Clarke Dr. Appleton & Dr. Dexter —

The report of the Committee to whom was reffered the complaint of Mr. Phillips against Mr. Vinal, and also a letter from Mr. Vinal being read after considerable debate had thereon — — On Motion

Voted — That the further consideration of the Complaint of Mr. Phillips be postponed to the next Monthly Meeting and the Secretary is requested to notify Mr. Phillips and Mr. Vinal to attend that a hearing may be had on the subject before the Committee agreeable to Mr. Vinals request —

Upon Consideration of Mr. Carters application for leave to keep a private School after publick hours in the forenoon — On Motion

Voted — That in future the several Masters be allowed to keep a private School after the hours of publick Schools in the forenoon during the Winter Season only —

Yeas: Mr. Price, West, Lathrop, Tudor, Austin, Clarke, Scollay
Nays: Bordman, Seaver, Dawes, Jones, Appleton, Dexter

Dr. Welsh did not Vote —

At a Meeting of the School Committee Novr 1st 1793

Present

Messrs Bordman, Seaver, Crafts and Scollay — Col Dawes
Dr Lathrop Dr Welsh, Dr Appleton Judge Minot Judge Sudor Mr Jones & Mr Austin

Mr Phillips and Mr Vinal having been notified by the Secretary to attend a hearing on the complaint of Mr Phillips appeared before the School Committee for that purpose. ——

the following report was read

The Committee appointed to examine into the complaint of Mr Phillips against Master Vinal for punishing his Son with cruelty report ——

That they find that Master Vinal did punish a boy named Nathl Phillips for bad writing in repeated instances within a short time by whipping him with a Cowskin and beating him on his posteriors both with his trowsers up & down with an instrument called a thwacker of a rough surface about ten inches long & two inches broad; that the beating was so severe in one instance, as to prevent the boy's sitting or rising, for two days without help, and left the parts black & blue for some weeks, Red marks had before appeared on the boys back, from former chastisements. The boys writing did not appear to the Committee to be very bad, and certainly not worse than that of some other boys of the same age: and the Committee are of opinion that the the above mentioned punishment was inflicted in a cruel manner and oftener than even more moderate punishment would have been necessary. —— They also report that Master Vinal has been charged with using expressions offensive to the modesty of the females in their presence, the particular words are written on another ~~[illegible]~~ paper; and a number of female children have declared that they heard him utter them. all which is submitted for the consideration of the School Committee

Octr 21 1793 — pr order Ebenr Seaver — chairman

The parties being heard & the subject fully investigated before them they retired —— The Committee then went into a consideration of the above Report, after considerable debate thereon — on Motion
Voted — That the sd Committee make such further enquiry into the evidence upon the complaint of Mr Phillips against Mr Vinal & collect such information relative to his conduct as a publick Master as to them may appear proper, and make report at the adjournment —— —— —— on Motion

Voted — That this meeting be adjourned to Friday the 8th instant to meet at 3 O Clock, P.M — and the Secretary is directed to notify the members that important business is to be transacted and a punctual attendance is requested ——

At a Meeting of the School Committee Nov.r 8. 1793

Present

Mess.rs Walley Sever Crafts Edwards Little & Scollay
Col. Dawes Mr. Tudor Mr. Minot Mr. West Mr. Jones Dr. Welsh
Dr. Appleton Dr. Lathrop Mr. Smith Mr. Clarke & Mr. Austin

The sub Committee appointed to make such further enquiry into the evidence upon the complaint of Mr. Phillips against Mr. Vinal &c — report that they have examined the evidence against Master Vinal & find it not to vary essentially from what appeared at first; that other female children confirmed & explained what was delivered by those who first appeared before the sub Committee; and that they find that Mess Frothingham Wheeler and Foster are acquainted with circumstances relative to the conduct of Master Vinal as a public School Master which the sub Committee think material —— Eben Seaver
Nov.r 8. 1793 —— pr. order

Mr. Frothingham and Mr. Wheeler appeared before the Com.ee respecting the Conduct of Master Vinal —— On Motion
Voted that Mr. Vinal be directed to attend the Committee —

Mr. Frothingham and Mr. Wheeler were requested to withdraw till Mr. Vinal is sent for ——

Mr. Vinal appeared when the 2d report of the Com.ee of enquiry was read, —— after some conversation Mr. Frothingham and Mr. Wheeler were called in who severally testified to circumstances relative to the conduct of Master Vinal as a public School Master (the particulars on file) —— Mr. Frothingham & Mr. Wheeler withdrew a general conversation was then had on the subject in presence of Master Vinal who afterwards withdrew ——
after considerable debate —— On Motion
Voted, that the Secretary furnish Mr. Vinal with a Copy of all the evidence, that has been offered to the Committee, and that the further consideration of Mr. Vinals case be postponed to the regular Meeting in December at which time Mr. Vinal and his usher are directed to attend, — and the Secretary is also requested to inform Mr. Phillips that if he pleases he may attend and produce evidence respecting his son ——

The School Masters having addressed a letter to the Committee dated 24. Sept. 1793 stating that their Vote of Aug.t 2d requiring regular returns of the state of the schools at certain periods cannot be complied with ——

Voted — That the several Sub Committees visiting the Schools of the aforementioned Masters enquire of them their reasons for the opinion on that subject and report the same in writing at the next meeting —

Voted that the 50 Dollars given to this Committee for the supplying of Books to the poor Scholars and now in the hands of the Treasurer be disposed as follows — that 2/3^d of the money be invested in the purchase of Testaments & 1/3^d in Websters Spelling Books, one half of each to be sent to the Master of the North Reading School & one 1/4 of each to the Master of the South Reading School & one 1/4 to the Master of the Centre Reading School for the use of the Poor Children in their respective Schools — These Books to be considered as the property of the Schools and not to be allowed to go out of them —

At a Meeting of the School Committee Dec.r 9. 1793 —

Present

Deacon Bordman M.r Geaver M.r Little M.r Edwards & M.r Scollay — Col. Davis M.r West M.r Tudor M.r Minot M.r Jones M.r Clarke D.r Dexter D.r Welch & M.r Smith

The Secretary reported that he had purchased 4 Doz Testaments and 4 Doz Websters Spelling Books, for the use of the Schools and had distributed as follows 2 Doz of each to the N.o Reading School 1 Doz of each to the Centre Reading and 1 Doz of each to the South Reading School —

Voted that the Secretary after advising with the several Masters invest the remainder of the money in his hands in such Books as may be found most necessary in their respective Schools —

Pursuant to a Notification sent M.r Vinal and M.r Phillips they attended the Committee, M.r Vinals Usher not appearing as was expected he was sent for & attended

The Committee proceeded to the further consideration of the complaint of M.r Phillips against Master Vinal and the report of the Sub Committee thereon, the [illegible] producing their evidence and Master Vinal for three hours being fully heard in his defence withdrew — after considerable conversation on the subject the report of the Sub Committee was unanimously accepted — On Motion

Voted that the Sub Committee be requested to prepare a Vote expressive of the opinion of this Committee to be laid before them at the adjournment —

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday Evening next to meet precisely at 5 O Clock and the Secretary is directed to notify Master Vinal to attend at 4 O Clock.

At a Meeting of the School Committee Decr. 9th. 1793

Present

Mr. Walley Bordman Isaac Little Bulfinch Edwards Hollidays [illegible] Dawes Mr. Elliot Mr. Jones, Mr. Tudor Mr. Minot Mr. Parker T. Welch Dr. Appleton Mr. Smith

The Committee proceeded again to consider the case of Master Vinal and come and come to the following Vote thereon Vizt.

Whereas it appears to this Committee that Mr. John Vinal Master of the South writing School in repeated instances within a short time, has inflicted corporal punishment (he confessed last writing) on a Son of Mr. Samuel Phillips in a very severe Manner with improper instruments contrary to the spirit of the printed recommendations of the Committee delivered to the several Masters —

Voted that Master Vinal be made acquainted with the extreme disapprobation which the Committee entertain of his conduct for this departure from that rational Discipline which the Committee have recommended and expect to take place in the government of the Schools ———

And it having been alledged that Master Vinal has been unguarded in his expressions before the several Scholars it is also Voted that it is the Opinion of this Committee that delicacy of language is indispensably requisite in the presence of his Scholars and it is recommended to him that he should be circumspect and exemplary in this particular ———

Voted that Mr. Phillips in producing his complaint against Master Vinal for severity inflicted on his Son has duly exercised the rights of a good citizen; and that the temperate manner in which he has prosecuted the same evidences that he has not been actuated by improper motives ———

Voted that the Secretary serve Master Vinal with an attested Copy of the Votes that have passed this evening and that he also furnish Mr. Phillips with a Copy provided he applys for the same ———

Voted that the Semi Annual Visitation of the Schools be on the first Wednesday and Thursday in January next in order as follows viz. the North and South Schools on Wednesday the 1st in the forenoon and the Centre and Latin Grammar Schools on Thursday the 2d in the forenoon ———

That the Boys be visited in the several Writing Schools and that the Reading Masters there attend them ———

That the Boys be first examined in spelling, Reading English Grammar &c and afterwards in writing and Arithmetic

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The sub Committee for Visiting the Schools reports that the reasons offered by Masters Vinal and Ticknor for not complying with the Vote of the Committee of Aug.t 2d 1793 requiring regular returns of the state of the Schools at certain periods, are chiefly founded on the difficulty of ascertaining what length of absence shall amount to leaving school, Master Ticknor has made other objections in writing which the sub Committee are at a loſs to understand the [illegible] of which they accompany this report ——

Voted that the reasons aſsigned by several of the School Masters to the Visiting Committees stating the difficulty of complying with the Vote of Aug.t 2d relative to making returns are considered by the committee as insufficient and those who have not comply'd with said Vote are enjoyned to make returns to the Secretary at the semiannual visitation the 1st Wednesday in January next ——

Voted that the Secretary make known the above Vote to the several Masters ——

Adjourned to Wednesday Morng 9 O Clock of Jan. 1st 1794

On Wednesday Jany 1st The School Committee met and visited the North and South Schools ——
On Thursday 2d met again and visited the Centre Schools and the Latin School ——

On the 1st Friday of February there was not a Quorum of the Committee and consequently no Buſineſs transacted ——

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and legally warned in public Town Meeting aſsembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the day of March 1794 —

The article in the warrant to choose a School Committee was read and on Motion — Voted that in addition to the Selectmen, twelve persons shall, now, be chosen and the following were accordingly chosen by Ballot — Viz.t

Hon Thomas Dawes Esq
Rev.d Samuel West
Rev.d Doc.r John Lathrop
Hon William Tudor Esq
Doct Thomas Welsh
Doct N. W. Appleton

Hon George R. Minot Esq
Doct Aaron Dexter
Rev.d John Clarke
Jon.a Loring Austin Esq
M.r William Smith
Doct David Townsend

attest William Cooper Town Clerk

Copy
Orig. on file —

The above named gentlemen were notified to Meet at the Selectmens room March 17.th 1794 —

At a Meeting of the School Committee March 17. 1794

Present

M.r Seaver M.r Little M.r Scollay — Col. Dawes M.r West M.r Smith D.r Welsh D.r Appleton D.r Lathrop M.r Clarke M.r Austin & Judge Minot

The Vote of the Town was read appointing the School Committee for the current year — — on Motion

Voted — To come to the choice of a Secretary and Treasurer for the year ensuing — the ballots being taken Wm Scollay was declared to be chosen Secy. and Treasurer —

Voted that this Committee will meet on the first Friday of each Month in the afternoon —

The School Masters (except Master Carter) attended with a request for an increase of Salary and further compensation for their Services the year past — they also requested the Committee to give their opinion how far the Authority of the Masters extends over the Scholars when out of School —

Voted — That it is the sense of the School Committee that the School masters conduct themselves as to the extent of their Authority in noticing the disorderly conduct of Scholars when out of School, by the ancient custom and usage of the Town —

Voted — That the several School Masters furnish the Comee with such Rules for the Government of their respective Schools as in their opinion will tend to preserve Order and Decorum and lay the same before the Committee at their next Meeting for consideration ———

A Letter from Mr Webb and Mr Snelling two of the Ushers requesting an increase of their Salary, was read —— on Motion

Voted — That the Consideration of the request of the Masters for an increase of their Salaries and the Letter from the Ushers be referred to the next meeting ———

Voted — That the Sub Committee who now have the care of ~~some~~ of the South Schools be directed to examine the Scholars for a distribution of the Franklin Medals ~~at those~~ first visitation ———

Voted — That the Sub Committee visiting the Centre Schools in March be desired to enquire into the complaint of Mr Bangs relative to the dismission of his Grandson from Mr Binghams School

Voted — That the School Committee be subdivided as follows for the monthly visitations of the Schools — Vizt

Messrs Price Edwards Davies Lathrop & Townsend to visit

the South Schools	——, in	March, April & May
Centre Schools	——,	June July & August
North Schools	——,	Sept. Octr. & November
Latin School	——.	Decr. Jany. & February

Messs Walley Bordman Tudor West and Smith to visit

Centre Schools	——, in	March, April & May
North Schools	——,	June, July & August
Latin Schools	——,	Sept. Octr. & November
South Schools	——.	Decr. Jany. & February

Messrs Crafts Little Clarke Dexter and Austin to visit

North Schools	——, in	March April & May
Latin Schools	——,	June July & August
South Schools	——,	Sept. Oct & November
Centre Schools	——.	Decr. Jany. & February

Messrs Leaver Bulfinch Scollay Welsh Minot & Appleton to visit

Latin Schools	——, in	March, April & May
South Schools	——,	June July & August
Centre Schools	——,	Sept. Oct & November
North Schools	——.	Decr. Jany. & February

Voted That the Secretary be directed to notify the Chairman of each Sub. Committee of his appointment together with the names of the Gentlemen appointed with him, and that the several Committees be requested to visit the Schools in March ———

At a Meeting of the School Committee ~~W~~ April 4th 1794

Present

Mess. Price Bordman Ivaner Crafts Edwards & Scollay — Col. Dawes Mr. West Dr. Lathrop Mr. Clarke Dr. Welsh Judge Tudor Judge Minot Mr. Smith Mr. Austin —

Voted — That Thursday next be assigned for taking up the salarys of the Masters and Ushers, and the Secretary is desired to notify the members of the business to be transacted —

Voted — That the examination for Medals at the Latin Grammer School be early in the month of June —

Voted — that Judge Minot, Judge Tudor and Mr. Clarke be a committee to consider the expediency of adopting some mode of employing the vacant time of the Boys while in the writing School —

At a Meeting of the School Committee April 10. 1794

Present

Mess. Price Edwards Little & Scollay — Col. Dawes Dr. Lathrop Mr. West Mr. Clarke Judge Minot Dr. Welsh Dr. Townsend Dr. Dexter Dr. Appleton & Mr. Smith —

The application of Mess. Dorrcutt & Loring for an additional allowance for Carpenters Work done in Building the N. School — referred to the Sub. Committee who had the care of Building the North School —

After much conversation and deliberation on a motion to augment the Salaries of the Several School Masters and Ushers — it was Voted that the Salaries of the School Masters be the same for the ensuing year as was allowed them the last Year —

Voted — that the Salaries of the several Ushers be one hundred Pounds each for the ensuing Year —

At a Meeting of the School Committee May 2d. 1794

Present

Mess. Bordman Edwards Little Scollay — Col. Dawes, Mr. Minot Dr. Dexter Dr. Welsh Dr. Appleton Dr. Townsend Dr. Clarke & Mr. Austin

Voted — Col. Dawes Mr. Austin Mr. Edwards Dr. Townsend Dr. Appleton & Dr. Welsh be a Committee to take into consideration the present state of the Schools and report such arrangements to remedy the inconveniencies experienced from the large number of Boys now attending the Schools as they shall think expedient —

Voted — that the above Committee be directed to inform Mr. Carter that complaints against him are lodged with the School Committee, for violating the directions of the Committee, as expressed in their Vote of 2d. Aug. last respecting the admission of Scholars and their Vote of 21. Oct. 1793 respecting private Schools —

Voted to Adjourn to Tuesday next —

At a Meeting of the School Committee May 9th 1794

Present

Messrs. Walley Bordman Edwards, Isaac, Little, Scollay —
Col. Dawes Revd. Dr. Lathrop Mr. West Dr. Appleton Dr. Welsh Dr. Dexter
Judge Minot Judge Tudor Mr. Clarke Mr. Austin Mr. Smith Dr. Townsend

The Committee on the state of the Schools reported upon the first part of their Commission that previous to any new arrangements or final determination being made there be a conference or consultation ~~with~~ with the School Masters —
The Committee also reported that they had read to Master Carter the Vote passed at the last Meeting who wished them to say to the Committee "That he would as well in the matters refered to as in all others conform himself to the directions of the School Committee — —

Voted — That a Conference be held on Thursday next with the several writing and Reading Masters to consult and devise what measures may be proper to be adopted to remedy the inconvenience at present experienced from the large number of Boys attending some of the Schools —

Voted — That the Secretary be directed to furnish the several Reading & writing Masters with the above Vote and request their attendance at the Selectmens Room on Thursday next at 5 O Clock P. M.

Adjourned to Thursday next 4 O Clock P. M. — —

At a Meeting of the School Committee May 15th 1794 —

Present

Messs. Brice, Walley, Crafts, Little, Edwards, Scollay —
Col. Dawes Dr. Lathrop Dr. Welsh Dr. Townsend Mr. Clarke Mr. West
Dr. Dexter Judge Minot Mr. Austin Mr. Smith —

agreable to notification the several Masters attended the School Committee — a conference was had with them on the subject reffered to in the vote of Friday last as well as the general state of the Schools which took up some hours, — the Committee came to no final determination

Voted That the subject Matter under consideration be reffered back to the sub Committee appointed the 2d. instant for them to consider and report thereon at the next meeting —

At a Meeting of the School Committee 6 June 1794 —

Present

Messrs. Bordman Seaver Little Scollay — Revd. Mr. West Dr. Lathrop Judge Minot Dr. Welsh Dr. Townsend Mr. Clarke Mr. Smith

Voted — That the several School Masters be furnished with the Vote passed May 1st. 1792 and the one passed Oct 21. 1793 respecting private Schools and they are directed to communicate the same to their respective Ushers, enjoyning on them a strict conformity thereto —

Voted — That the Committee on the state of the Schools be enjoyned to set again —

At a Meeting of the School Committee 30th. June 1794

Present

Messs. Brice Bordman Seaver Crafts Walley Little & Edwards Davies Tudor Clarke Minot Welsh Dexter and Smith Do.

Voted That the Annual Visitation of the Schools be on Monday the 7th. July that the Committee meet at Faneuil Hall & proceed from thence precisely at 8 O Clock A.M. —

Voted That the regulation in visiting the Schools on Monday next be the same as the last year —

Voted That each Member of the Committee has a right to invite a Friend to visit the Schools on the Annual Visitation in addition to the Company usually invited —

Voted That the Gentlemen Selectmen be a committee to invite the Company to visit the Schools on Monday next

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At a Meeting of the School Committee Sept. 1794

Present

Messs Seaver Crafts Little Scollay Minot Dexter Clarke & Welsh

a sufficient number to make a Quorum not being present adjourned to Tuesday next 4 O Clock —

At a Meeting of the School Committee Sept. 9th 1794

Present,

Mr. Price Mr. Bordman Mr. Tucker Mr. Crafts Mr. Little & Scollay
Col. Dawes Judge Minot Revd. Mr. Clarke Dr. Welsh Mr. Austin & Dr. Townsend

Voted Unan. That the necessary rules & Tables in Arithmetic which have been prepared and printed on the cover of Writing Books by the direction of this Committee be used in the several writing Schools in this Town, and the Masters thereof are hereby enjoined to instruct the Scholars in such rules and Tables by causing them to be learnt & committed to Memory in the vacant time which happens before or after writing or at any other suitable season so that less delay may take place in the progress of the Scholars after they have entered upon Arithmetic

Voted that the Secretary furnish the several Writing Masters & the Usher of the Latin School with a copy of the forgoing vote ——

It appearing to the School Committee that the indisposition of Master Ticknor has not permitted him to attend to the duties required of him for some time past — thereupon

Voted that Judge Minot Col. Dawes & Mr. Clarke be a special committee to take into consideration the state of the South Reading School and that they report what measures are necessary to be taken in order to conduct the regular business of said School ——

Voted That the Medals be distributed at the semiannual visitation of the Schools in the Month of January excepting the latin School where they shall be distributed in the month of May previous to Election Week — and the several Sub. Committees are enjoined to examine the Scholars and determine upon the candidates previously to the periods above specified

Mr. Lord appeared before the Committee and exhibited a complaint in writing against Master Crosby ——

Voted that Master Crosby be furnished with a Copy of the Complaint and be requested to attend the Committee on Friday the 12th inst at 5 O Clock P.M. ——

Adjourned to Friday next ——

At a Meeting of the School Committee Sept 12. 1794

Present

Mr Payne Mr Bordman Mr Seaver Mr Crafts Mr Edwards & Mr Scollay
Col. Dawes Judge Minot Revd Dr Lathrop Revd Mr West Revd Mr Clarke
Mr Smith Judge Tudor & Mr Austin

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to take into consideration the state of the South reading School made report that Master Ticknor expected that his health would soon permit him to attend to the duties of his School

Master Crosby attended the School Committee agreeable to notification

The Committee having heard Mr Lord on his complaint against Master Crosby and having also heard Master Crosby in his defence — whereupon

Voted Unanimously that the Committee fully approbate the conduct of Master Crosby, and are of opinion that in particular cases when Boys attempt to subvert any established Order in the School or occasion such disturbance as to prevent the other boys performing their Exercises that the Master stating the cause of complaint may send home such refractory children to their Parents for that day, permitting them however to return to School the next day upon promise of future good behaviour

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At a Meeting of the School Committee Octr 1794

Present

Mr Payne Bordman Seaver Crafts Little Edwards Scollay
Revd Mr West Dr Lathrop, Judge Minot Dr Welsh Revd Mr Clarke
Dr Townsend Mr Austin

Mr Ticknors state of health and the situation of the South reading School came under consideration after considerable conversation on the subject — On Motion

Voted That a Letter be written by the Chairman to Mr Ticknor suggesting the expediency of his retiring from the service of the Town if the State of his health will not admit of his attending the Duties of Master of the South Reading School

At a Meeting of the School Committee Novr. 7. 1794

Present

Mr. Wales [illegible] [illegible] Edwards [illegible] Col. Dawes
Revd. Mr. West [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] Revd. Mr. Clarke
Dr. Welsh Dr. Townsend Mr. Smith Mr. Austin —

On the Question [illegible] Mr. Tickner [illegible]
and the situation of the South Writing School —

Ordered that the consideration of this [illegible] be referred to the next Monthly Meeting and that then a particular enquiry into that School be entered upon and that Mr. Tickner attend on that Meeting —

Voted that the Secretary furnish Mr. Tickner with a copy of the foregoing vote —

Captain M. Hopkins complains that an adopted Child of his has been refused admission into Mr. Vinal's School

Voted that Capt. Hopkins have liberty to send the child under his charge to Mr. Vinal's School. —

The School Masters agreeable to notification attended the Committee when their Memorial to the Town which was referred to the consideration of the School Committee was taken up —

On the Memorial of the School Masters "for such a grant in addition to their Salaries as may be sufficient to answer the demands on them for extraordinary expenses the last and present year"

Voted that in consideration of the great rise of the articles of life the sum of thirty pounds be granted to the several Masters in full compensation for the time above specified —

Voted that the Secretary be directed to notify Mr. Bingham to attend the Committee at their next Meeting —

At a Meeting of the School Committee Dec. 3. 1799

Present

Messs. Prince Walley Ivers Crafts Ritch Howard Scollay Col. Dawes Revd Dr. Lathrop Revd Mr West Revd Mr Clarke Dr Welsh Dr Townsend Mr Austin Mr Smith — —

Mr Josiah Snelling came before the Committee with a complaint against Master Crosby for dismissing two of his children from the North reading School — The Committee having heard Mr Snelling on his complaint

Voted that Mr Snellings Children be readmitted into the North Reading School on their complying with the established rules of the School —

Voted that the Secretary furnish Mr Snelling and Mr Crosby with a Copy of the above Vote — —

Master Ticknor attended according to directions of the Committee —

Voted that upon the representation Mr Ticknor has made to the Committee that his health was restored and it appearing so to them he is requested to proceed in his attendance to the duties of the School as usual —

Master Bingham attended according to the directions of the Committee — a conversation ensued on the conduct of Mr Bingham at the public visitation in July last, a free discussion of the subject being had

Voted that the apology made by Mr Bingham for his expressions to the Chairman at the Public Visitation in July is not satisfactory to the Committee —

Voted that the Semi Annual Visitation of the Schools be on Wednesday the Seventh and Thursday the Eighth of January, and the same Order be observed in the visitation as the last Year —

On Wednesday the Seventh and Thursday the Eighth of January the Committee met and visited the several Schools —

At a Meeting of the School Committee 2d. Jany. 1795

Present

Messrs. Prince Walley Crafts Sweetser Bordman Edwards Scollay Col. Dawes Revd. Mr. West Revd. Dr. Lathrop Revd. Mr. Clarke Judge Minot Judge Tudor Dr. Welsh Dr. Townsend Dr. Dexter Mr. Smith & Mr. Austin

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to draw warrants on the Town Treasurer for the additional grants made by the School Committee the 7th Novr. last to the several School Masters excepting Mr. Ticknor whose grant is referred to future consideration

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At a Meeting of the School Committee Feb. 6. 1795

Present

Messrs. Prince Walley Crafts Scollay Revd. Mr. West Judge Minot Mr. Clarke Dr. Welsh Mr. Smith Mr. Austin & Townsend

On the subject of the Franklin Medals

Voted that the Secretary be directed to procure 21 Silver Medals of the same size & of the same model, with the same device and inscription as those distributed the last year to be ready against the next Monthly Meeting

Voted that the Secretary apply for the Books annually given by Noah Webster junr. Esqr. to be distributed in the several Readg. Schools

Voted that Tuesday next be assigned for the choice of a Master for the South Reading School

Adjourned to Tuesday next 4 O'Clock

At a Meeting of the School Committee Feb 10. 179

Present

Messrs [illegible] Walter Dr [illegible] Freeman [illegible] & Lathrop & Eliot — Col Davis, Mr West, Mr Minot, Dr Dexter Dr Welsh Judge Tudor Rev Mr Clarke Dr Lathrop & Dr Townsend

Pursuant to an advertisement in the publick papers applications have been received from eight Gentlemen offering themselves as Candidates for the place of Master of the South Reading School

Letters to this effect were read from

Amos Crosby Master of the No. Readg School
Samuel Payson — of Charlestown
Phileip Draper of Dorchester
Foster Waterman of Scituate
Samuel Brown of Boston
William L. Barron of Cambridge
James Temple — of Concord

The Question of removing Master Crosby from the North to the South reading School after considerable debate was determined in the Negative by Yeas & Nays —

Voted that the Committee proceed to the choice of a Master for the South Reading School

upon counting and sorting the votes it was declared that Mr Samuel Payson was chosen by a majority of the votes

Voted that Dr Welsh be requested to notify Mr Payson of his appointment

At a Meeting of the School Committee Mar 12. 179[illegible]

Present

Mess. Price Crafts Bordman Walley Little Edwards Scollay
Mr West Dr Lathrop Dr Townsend Dr Welsh & Mr Smith —

The Vote of the Town was read appointing the School Com.
for the year ensuing ——— on Motion

Voted to come to the choice of a Secretary and Treasr.
for the year ensuing — the Ballots being taken
William Scollay was declared to be chosen Secretary
and Treasurer ———

Voted That the School Committee be subdivided
as follows for the Monthly visitation of the Schools — viz.

Mess. Price Edwards Putnam James Tillman & Townsend
to visit the South Schools —— in March April & May
Latin Schools ——— June July & August
North Schools ——— Sept. Oct. & November
Centre Schools ——— Decr. Jany. & February

Mess. Walley Little Pinder Clarke & Smith to visit
the Latin Schools ——— in March April & May
North Schools ——— June July & August
Centre Schools ——— Sept. Oct. & November
South Schools ——— Decr. Jany. February

Mess. Bordman Crafts Lathrop Dexter and Austin to visit
the North Schools ——— in March April & May
Centre Schools ——— June July & August
South Schools ——— Sept. Oct. & November
Latin Schools ——— Decr. Jany. & February

Mess. [illegible] Scollay West Minot & Welsh to visit
the Centre Schools ——— in March April & May
South Schools ——— June July & August
Latin Schools ——— Sept. Oct & November
North Schools ——— Decr. Jan & February

Voted that the Meetings of this Committee for the year ensuing be held on the first Friday in June September December and March in the afternoon & that the affairs of the Schools be committed to the several visiting Committees and that they be directed to visit them once every month and report what has occurred in the course of their visitation at the Quarterly Meetings of this Committee

a letter was read from from Mr Samuel Payson
declining the acceptance of the place of Master at
the South Reading School ——

Voted That the Committee proceed to the choice of
a Master for the South Reading School ——
upon counting and sorting the votes it was declared
that Mr Foster Waterman was chosen by a majority
of the Votes ——

Voted That the Visiting Committee be directed to examine
the Scholars for the Medals at their next visitation ——

At a Meeting of the School Committee March 27 1795

Present

Messrs Revere Walley Boardman Crafts Edwards Little Scollay
Paterson Col Davies Revd Mr West Dr Lathrop Dr Hillman Dr
Dexter Dr Welsh Mr Austin Dr Townsend Judge Minot & Mr Smith

Mr Vinal's letter to the Town declaring his intention of resigning
his place of Master of the South Writing School on the
1st of June next was read as also a letter from Mr Ruffus
Webb and one from Mr Jonathan Snelling offering themselves
as candidates for the place of Master of the South
Writing School —— On Motion

Voted That the Committee now proceed to the choice of a
Master for the South Writing School ——
upon counting and sorting the votes it was declared
that Mr Ruffus Webb was chosen by a majority of the Votes

Voted That Mr Ruffus Webb be informed that he is chosen
Master of the South Writing School for the year ensuing
and it is expected that he will enter upon the Duties
of his Office on the 20th of April next and sooner if Mr
Vinal should leave the School —— ——

Voted That Mr Vinal be informed that in consequence of his
intimation to the Town that he should resign his place as Master
of the South Writing School on the 1st of June next, the
School Committee have made choice of Mr Ruffus Webb
to supply his place as Master of said School who will
enter upon the duties of his office on the 20th of April
next in order that he may have sufficient time to prepare
the Scholars to appear with credit at the Annual visitation

Voted That Mr Vinal and Mr Webb be furnished with a Copy of the above Vote

Voted that the visiting Committee induct Mr Webb into the South Writing School on the 20th of April —

Voted That the Salaries of the School Masters and Ushers be the same for the ensuing year as was voted them the last Year

a Letter from Master Crosby was read which was referd to the Committee visiting his School they to report at the next Meeting of the Committee

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At a Meeting of the School Committee 15 May 1795

Present

Messrs Price Walley Crafts Tucker Edwards & Putnam Cos. Davies Judge Tudor Revd Mr West Dr Hillman & Dexter Dr Welsh Dr Lathrop Mr Smith & Mr Austin

Mr Crosby's Letter resigning his place of Master of the North Reading School was read as also Letters from several Gentlemen offering themselves as Candidates for Master of the North Reading School — Letters to this effect were received from

Jonathan F. Sleeper of Tyngsborough
William Palmer of Boston
Charles Cutler of Boston
Parsons of Medford
Samuel Cheney of Boston

Voted that the Committee Adjourn to friday next

At a Meeting of the School Committee 22d May 1795

Present

Messrs Price Crafts Ivers Bordman Edwards Putnam Little Sweetser Cos. Davies Hillman Lathrop Minot Dexter Welsh Smith & Austin

Voted That the Committee proceed to the choice of a Master for the North Reading Schools — upon receiving and sorting the Votes it was declared that Mr Jon. F. Sleeper was chosen by a Majority of the Votes —

a Letter from Mr Benj Dearborn was read — on Motion Voted That Judge Minot be requested to answer it —

Voted That Mr Tenly be allowed the pay of an usher while he continues with Mr Webb at the South writing School

At a Meeting of the School Committee June 5. 1795

Present

Mess. Walley Bordman Crafts Edwards & Scollay
Revd Mr. West Revd Dr. Lathrop Judge Minot Mr. Austin & Mr. Smith

Voted That the Annual Visitation of the Schools be on Monday the 6th of July next. That the Committee meet at Faneuil Hall and proceed from thence precisely at 8 O Clock A.M. ——

Voted That the regulations in visiting the Schools be the same as the last year

An application from Mr. Vinal that his salary be continued to him to the 1st of June instead of the 20th of April the time to which his Salary is made up by the Selectmen ——

Voted That there be no further sum granted Mr. Vinal than for the time he was in the service of the Town ——

An Application from Mr. Ticknor for the grant of £30 voted the several School Masters Nov. 7 1794

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to Draw on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Ticknor late Master of the South Reading School for £27..10. being the proportion of thirty Pounds voted the several School Masters in November last according to the time he continued in the service of the Town

At a Meeting of the School Committee 10 Sep. 1795

Present

Mess. Price Walley [illegible] Edwards Crafts Bradley
Col. Dawes Judge Minot Dr Lathrop Mr West Dexter

a Letter from Jon.a Snelling Usher of the Centre Writing School praying for an addition to his Salary

Voted That considering the particular situation of Mr Snelling and the circumstances mentioned in his said Letter upon file there be granted to him seventy five dollars towards enabling him to discharge his house rent the present year ——

The sub committee who have the care of the North Schools reported that they had appointed Mr Parsons usher to the North reading School salary to commence the first of June ——

A Letter from Mr Benjamin Dearborn presenting his Columbian Grammar for examination with some remarks thereon —— On Motion

Voted That Revd Mr Clarke Judge Tudor and Dr Townsend be a Committee to consider and report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee ——

At a Meeting of the School Committee Dec.r 7.th 1795

Present

Mess.rs Scammer Crafts Edwards & Sullivan, Col. Dawes
Judge Minot D.r Townsend D.r Dexter D.r Lathrop D.r Stillman an
Rev.d M.r West & Judge Tudor —

The Committee appointed to examine the Columbian Grammar not being ready to report — On Motion

Voted That the Committee appointed 10.th Sept last be requested to attend to the business of their appointment likewise the propriety of the School Committee becoming revisers of Classical publications

a Letter signed by the several Ushers requesting an addition to their Salaries was read — On Motion

Voted That the consideration of Granting further allowance to the School Master and Ushers be taken up on Thursday next at 3 O'Clock P.M. at which time the Committee will meet for that purpose —

Voted That the Semi Annual Visitation of the Schools be on Wednesday the 6.th and Thursday the 7.th of January in order as follows —
The South and North Schools on Wednesday in the forenoon and the Latin and Centre Schools on Thursday in the forenoon —

Voted to Adjourn to Thursday next —

At a Meeting of the School Committee Dec. 10 1795

Present

Mess. Bruce Crafts Edwards Scollay Revd. Dr. Lathrop
Revd. Mr. [illegible] Judge Minot Dr. Welsh Revd. Mr. West Mr. Smith

Voted That in consideration of the great rise of the articles of life an additional sum of Fifty [illegible] [illegible] is granted to the several School Masters to be paid them in proportion for the time they may be in the service of Town during the present year ending in March next —

Voted That the sum of Eighty dollars be also granted to the several [illegible] [illegible] to be paid them in proportion for the time they may be in the service of the Town during the present year ending in March next

Voted That in addition to the Seventy five Dollars voted Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there be granted him a further sum of Twenty five dollars making in the whole a grant of one hundred Dollars in addition to his Salary as Usher to the Centre Writing School —

On Wednesday the 6th and Thursday the 7th of January the Committee visited the several Schools —

At a Meeting of the School Comtee 12 Feby 1798.

Present.

Messrs Price. Coolidge, Seaver. Boardman. Edwards & Little
Revd Dr Lathrop. Rev Mr West. Revd Dr [illegible] Tillman. Judge
Minot. Mr [illegible]. Dr Welsh. Dr Townsend. Mr Smith.

Mr Smith was chosen Secy Pro. tem.

A Letter was read directed to the Chairman from the Revd Dr Eckley complaining of a "long course of injurious treatment which his Eldest Son had recd from Mr Hunt and still more from Mr Cutler his Usher."

Mr Eckley appeared before the Comtee in support of his complaint. Messrs Hunt & Mr Cutler appeared to justify their conduct.

The Comtee after hearing the parties adjourned the further consideration of the subject to the next Meeting.

The Sub. Comtee of the Grammar School were requested to inform Mr Eckley that he might send his Son as usual to Mr Hunts School & direct Mr Hunt to receive him.

At a Meeting of the School Comm.ttee 4 March 1796.

Present

Mess.rs Seaver (Edwards) Little Rev.d Dr Lathrop Rev.d Dr Stillman. Col. Dawes Mr Tudor. Mr Minot Dr Welsh. Dr Jarvis Dr Townsend [illegible] [illegible].

A Letter was read from Rev.d Dr Eckley in-forming the Com.ttee that in consequence of their Vote at the last meeting he sent his Son, to Mr Hunt's School. That Mr Hunt publickly ordered him out of the School. —

Mr Hunt appeared agreeable to the Orders of the Com.ttee to answer the complaint of Dr Eckley. Mr Hunt informed the Com.ttee that he did not understand it to have been the Orders of the Com.ttee to receive Dr Eckley's Son. & made an apology to the Com.ttee for ordering him out of the School. —

Voted. That Mr Hunt receive Dr Eckley's Son again into his School. and the Com.ttee advise Mr Hunt to observe such a line of conduct in the treatment of his pupils, as to prevent any further com-plaints to the Com.ttee — That Dr Eckley & Mr Hunt be furnished with a Copy of these Votes. —

Voted. That Mr Hunt receive of Mr Pickney the remainder Books & Papers belonging to the Com.

At a Meeting of the School Comittee April 1796

Present.

Messrs Price. Walley. Edwards. Tilden. Sturgess. Bordman. Col. Dawes Judge Minot. Revd Mr West, Dr Whitman Messrs. Welsh. Crocker. Spooner, Dr Smith & Wells..

The Vote of the Town was read appointing the School Comittee for the Year ensuing.

Voted. to come to the choice of a Secy & Treasurer for the Year ensuing. Mr William Smith was chosen.

Voted That the School Comittee be subdivided as follows, for the Monthly visitations.

Messrs Price Edwards Spooner, Dawes Whitman & Townsend to visit the So. Schools in March. April & May.

Latin School. June. July & August
No. Schools. Sept. Oct. & Novr.
Centre Schools. Decr. Jan. & Febry.

Messrs Walley. Little. Wells. Eustis & Smith to visit. Latin School. March. April & May
No. School. June. July. & Augt.
Centre School. Sept. Oct. & Novr
So. School. Decr. Jany. & Febry.

Messrs Bordman. Crafts. Crocker, Dexter & Sturgis
No. School. March. April & May.
Centre School. June. July & Augt.
So. School. Sept. Oct. & Novr
Latin School. Decr. Jany. & Febry.

Messrs. Weaver, Gilden, West, Minot & Welch.

Centre Schools. March, April & May
So. Schools. June, July & Augst.
Latin School. Sept. Oct. & Novr.
No. School. Decr. Janry. & Feby.

Voted. That the Chairman of each Sub. Comtee. be served with a Copy of the above Vote.

Voted. That the Comtee. meet the first Friday in each Month untill the annual visitation in July.

On Motion, upon the subject of Mr. Dearborn's Columbian Grammer, refer'd to a Comtee. Voted that

Voted. That it is not proper in the opinion of this Comtee. That they should review or give their sense, upon any classical publications.

Voted. That the several School Masters be continued in Office the present Year, on their conducting themselves to general satisfaction.

Voted. That ~~[illegible]~~ the Salaries of the several School Masters & Ushers be the same as last Year.

The Sub. Comtee. at Mr. Carter's School are requested to enquire into the circumstances respecting Mr. Hunt's Boy.

At a Meeting of the School Comtee 6th May 1796.

Present

Messrs Seaver Tilden. Boreman Sturgis Col. Waters
Revd Mr West Dr Townsend Dr Jarvis Dr Welsh
Messrs Crocker Edwards & Smith.

Voted. That the Secy be directed to procure 21 Silver Medals of the same size value & model with the same Device & inscription as those distributed the last years to be deliver'd to the Chairman of each sub Comtee in proportion to the number of schools, before the next meeting of the Comtee.

On application from Master Tileston & Master Webb permission was given them to be absent from their schools a few days beyond the usual time at the Election vacation.

At a Meeting of the School Comtee 3 June 1796.

Present

Messrs Price Walley. Revd Drs Stillman. Dr Spooner
Messrs Crocker Wells & Smith

A Quorum not attending, the Meeting was adjourn'd to Tuesday next 5 Clock P.M.

At a Meeting of the School Committee by Adjournment on Tuesday June 7th 1796.

Present
Ezekiel Price Esqr. Chairman

Mr. Bordman
Mr. Sturgis
Mr. Edwards
Col. Dawes
Mr. Crocker

Revd. Mr. West
Revd. Dr. Thacher
Dr. Welsh
Dr. Dexter
Dr. Spooner
Mr. Wells.

Voted. That the Annual Visitation of the Schools be on Wednesday 6th July next. & That the Committee meet at Faneuil Hall at 8 o'Clock A.M. on that day.

Voted. That the Schools be visited in the following Order — viz.

1. South Writing School
2. South Reading School
3. No. Writing School
4. No. Reading School
5. Center Writing School
6. Center Reading School. Then the Latin Grammar School.

Voted. That the Children be visited at those Schools they usually attend on the forenoon of that day. & That the several Masters examine their Scholars & exhibit Specimens of their proficiency in such manner as they may think proper.

"That the Children be first examin'd by the Master at whose School they are and afterwards by the other Masters. —

"That 30 Minutes be allowed at each Writing School & 50 Minutes at each Reading School & from 50 to 60 Minutes at the Latin School as the time may be.

"That it be recommended to the several Reading Masters to confer together respecting the pieces to be read in their several Schools, that there may not be a needless repetition & that the Dialogues of the Girls be omitted. —

Voted, That the Petition of the Ushers for an Addition of Salary be postpon'd to a future [illegible]

Voted, That the Gentlemen Selectmen be a Committee to invite the Company to visit the Schools on the Day appointed. —

At a Meeting of the School Committee 17th June 4 o'c.

Present

Mess. Price. Leavett. Edwards. Tilden. Sturgis. Judge Minot. Mr Wells. Dr Stillman - Mr Bordman. —

A Letter was read from Mr Bingham resigning his place as Master of the Centre Reading School after the Annual visitation. — The Comtee desired the Rect to advertise in three of the publick News Papers. That the Comtee will receive applications for the place untill Friday 1st July next. —

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At a Meeting of the School Comtee 1. July. 1796.

Present

Messrs Price. Boardman. Greaves. Gorham. Little. Tilden. Sturgis. Col. Davies. Revd Dr. Stillman. Judge Minot. Dr. Parker. Dr. Welch. Messrs Crocker. Wells. Bright.

In consequence of the advertisement inserted the several Papers agreeable to the Vote of the last Meeting, applications were receiv'd from several Gentlemen offering themselves as Candidates for the Center Reading School.

Mr. William Burton. Boston.
Mr. David Kendall. Cambridge
Mr. Samuel Brown. Boston
Mr. Gilbert Dench Junr. do.
Mr. Wm. Bullard - - do.

Voted. That the Comtee proceed to choose a Master for the Center Reading School.

Upon counting & sorting the Votes Mr. Samuel Brown was declared to be unanimously chosen & to ~~[illegible]~~ take charge of the School immediately after Mr. Bingham leaves it.

Voted. That the Sub-Comtee introduce Mr. Brown as Master of the Center Reading School.

At a Meeting of the School Comtee Sep. 9. 1796.

Present

Messrs Boardman. Cragie. Edwards, Gibson & Hunnewell

Revd Mr West. Col. James. Dr Welsh. Messrs. Crocker

Wells & Smith. —

A Petition from the several School Masters (except Mr Jon. Snelling) & one of the Ushers was read.

Voted. That in consideration of the advanced prices of the articles of Life. the sum of One hundred Dollars be granted to the several School Masters for the last six Months from March to Septr inst. to be paid them in proportion to the time, they may have been employed in the service of the Town —

Messrs Samuel Hunt

John Tileston

James Carter

Foster Waterman

Rufus Webb &

J. F. Sleeper from March to Sept.

Mr Samuel Brown from July to Sept. inst.

Voted. Fifty Dollars be granted Mr Snelling Master of the Centre Writing School from March to Sept. inst. And that the Selectmen be requested to draw on the Town Treasurer, in favour of the above persons for their several grants. —

At a Meeting of the School Comtee 4 Novr 1790
Present.

Messrs Walley. Boardman. Edwards. Little. Gibson &c.
Sturgis. Col. Dawes. Revd Dr Willman. Dr Welsh. Dr
Dr Jarvis. Messrs Crocker Wells & Smith. —

Upon the Representation of the Sub. Comtee visiting the Centre Schools. that a difficulty subsists between the Masters of these Schools relative to the division of them. whereby the Scholars have been prevented in part from the enjoyment of the privileges of those Schools. Voted- That the Sub Comtee visiting the Centre Schools, be requested to inform Mr Carter & Mr Brown. that it is the sense of this Comtee that the regulation that took place in Oct. viz. that the 1st & 4th Classes attend together, & the 2d & 3d Classes attend together, be continued untill the further Order of this Comtee —

At a Meeting of the School Comtee 10 Decr 1796

Present

Messrs Bordman. Sturgis. Col. Dawes. Revd Doctr West
Revd Dr. Thatcher. Judge Minot. Doctr Spooner
Doctr Welsh & Mr Smith.

Voted. That the semi-annual visitation of the Schools be on Wednesday the 4th & Thursday the 5 Jany next at 9 OClock A.M. each Day.
The South & North Schools to be visited on Wednesday
The Latin & Centre Schools to be visited on Thursday.

At a Meeting of the School Comtee 7 Feby 1797.

Present

Messrs Price. Bordman. Sturgis. Revd Dr West &
Dr Thatcher. Mr Seaver. Dr Welsh. Mr Crocker
Dr Spooner Mr Wells. Mr Smith.

Voted, That the Sum of One hundred Dollars be granted to each of the Masters of the Public Schools, in consideration of the great rise of the articles of Life, to be paid them in proportion to the time, they may be in

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the service of the Town from Sept. to March next. —

Voted That the sum of One hundred Dollars be also granted to the several Ushers of the public Schools, to be paid them in proportion to the time they may be in the service of the town (during the present year ending in March next. —

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to draw on the Town Treasurer, for the above Grants. —

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to ascertain ~~that~~ the time that Mr. Bingham or others who have left the Schools are entitled to part of the above Grants. —

The Letter from Mr. Bond respecting his Son was referred to the Sub. Comtee. of the Centre reading School. —

At a Meeting of the School Comtee. March. 9. 1797 —
Present
Mr. Tilden Mr. Harris Rev. Mr. Willard [illegible]
Dr. Dexter Mr. Wells. Mr. Smith. —

A Quorum not attending no Business was transacted

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, Friday, 7. day of April 1797. —— Present. —

Mess.rs Seaver, Little, Sturgis, Tilden, Edwards, Harris, Howard, West, Stillman, Welsh, Smith, Dexter, Spooner, Crocker, Welles jr — 15 ————

The Vote of the Town was read, appointing the School-Committee for the Year ensuing. ————

Voted — That the Committee now proceed to the Choice of a Secretary & Treasurer for the present Year. —— The Votes being taken, it was found that Arnold Welles Jr was chosen. ————

Voted — That the Committee be subdivided for the monthly Visitations as follows —— Viz. ——

Mess.rs Seaver, West, Welsh, Howard, Smith to visit the
South schools in March, April & May.
Latin d.o — June, July & August.
North d.o — Sept. Oct.o & November.
Centre d.o — Dec.r Jan.y & February —

Mess.rs Edwards, Stillman, Crocker. —— to visit,
Latin school in March, April & May.
North d.o — June, July & August.
Centre d.o — Sept. Oct.o & November.
South d.o — Dec.r Jan.y & February. —

Mess.rs Little, Welles jr, Gray, Harris, Spooner — to visit,
North schools in March, April & May.
Centre d.o — June, July & August.
South d.o — Sept. Oct.o & November.
Latin d.o — Dec.r Jan.y & February. —

Mess.rs Tilden, Sturgis, Dawes, Dexter — to visit,
Centre schools in March, April & May.
South d.o —— June, July, & August.
Latin d.o — Sept. Oct.o & November.
North d.o — Dec.r Jan.y & February. —

Voted. — That the Secretary be desired to notify in writing the Chairman of each sub Committee with the Arrangement for the Year —
Voted. — That the Committee will meet the 1st Friday in every month till the annual Visitation of the Schools in July. —
Voted. — That the Selectmen be requested to ascertain the Demands of Mess.rs Bingham & West for Compensation whi[le] Public Masters, & to draw for the Amount so determined. —
Voted. — That the Salaries of the several Masters & Ushers be the same, for the ensuing Year, as was allowed them the last Year. —

Adjourned to the 1st Friday in May. —

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, Friday 5th day of May 1797. — Present, —
Mess.rs Seaver, Edwards, Sturgis, Harris, Howard, Little, Dawes, West, Welles, Crocker & Gray ——— 11. —

A Petition, signed by a number of the Citizens of the south part of the Town, requesting the Removal of Mr. Waterman from the South-school, was read. — Whereon it was voted. — That Col.o Dawes and Mr Little be a Committee to acquaint Mr. Waterman with the above, and also, that if he wishes to excul-pate himself, he can have a hearing before this Committee, at their adjournment Friday next. —
A Letter from Mr. Samuel Brown was read, praying for a Grant of 25 Dollars, for his services, one quarter, while Usher of the Centre Reading school. — Referr[e]d to the Selectmen, to draw in his favour, for that Am[ount] if they think proper. —
Voted — To adjourn to Friday next, 12th Inst. & that the Sec.y be requested to notify the Members to attend punctually at 5 o'Cl[ock]

At a (special) Meeting of the School Committee on Friday the 12th day of May 1797. — Present. —
Messrs. Edwards, Little, Sturgis, Harris, Howard, Dawes, Stillman, Welsh, Dexter, Crocker & Welles — 11. —

The Petition against the Conduct of Mr Waterman in his School was read, & the Petitioners being present, individually stated their Objections to him as Master; Mr Waterman then replied to the several Charges at full length. —

The Committee having heared the Parties, & after they had withdrawn, discussed the grounds of complaint,

Voted, That a sub-Committee be chosen, to confer freely with Mr. Waterman, & to express to him the Sentiments of this Committee generally, on this subject. —

This Committee to consist of five,

Doctor Stillman,
Col. Dawes,
Mr. Little,
Mr. Crocker, &
Mr. Welles, were chosen. —

Voted — That the Committee adjourn to this day week, to receive the report of the sub-Committee. —

At a (special) Meeting of the School-Committee on Friday the 19th day of May 1797. — Present —
Messrs. Seaver, Edwards, Little, Sturgis, Harris, Hancock, Dawes, West, Stillman, Welsh, Dexter, Spooner, Crocker, Gray, Greene, Kirkland & Welles — 17. —

The Petition of Mr. Samuel Hunt, (Master of the Latin Grammar School) to the Town, for an allowance, for House Rent, was referred by the Town, to the School Com.

for consideration. —— Mr Hunt's Petition on this subject, was of course read, whereon it was Voted, That this Committee do not think it expedient, to make any discrimination between the different Masters in the service of the Town. ——

The sub-Committee to whom was referred the Case of Mr Waterman, reported, That they had conversed freely with Mr. W. and had stated the Sentiments of the Comee on the existing difficulties in his School, and advised, as a Measure expedient & honourable to him, to send in a Letter of Resignation. — But that Mr. W. after much Conversation with them, had desired them, to inform the Committee, that he did not think it prudent in the present Circumstances, to retire from the School. —

This subject was debated fully, but the Committee adjourned to Thursday next 5. o'Clock, without coming to any decision: ——

At a (special) Meeting of the School-Committee on Thursday the 25th day of May 1797. —

—— Present ——

Messrs Seaver, Sturgis, Harris, Howard, Hancock, Dawes, Stillman, Welsh, Dexter, Spooner, Crocker, Greene, Gray, Kirkland & Welles. — 15. —

Mr Hunt appeared & stated his Reasons for asking for compensation for Rent — whereon it was voted — That the Committee reconsider the Vote at their last Meeting

& postpone the further consideration of this business till the Compensation to the several Masters for the present Year is taken up by the Committee. ——

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the south part of the Town respecting Mr Waterman was again debated ——

A Memorial signed by Forty one of the Inhabitants of that part of the Town was read, stating that Mr. Waterman's Usefulness was at an End. —— Whereon the Committee finally came to the following Vote. ——

Voted unanimously, That it is the Opinion of this Comte from the Information they have obtained from the Inhabitants of the south part of the Town generally that Mr Waterman has lost his Usefulness as the Master of the south school & that it be recommended to him to retire from that school on or before the 1st of August next. ——

Voted, That the Secretary be desired to furnish Mr. Waterman with a Copy of the above vote. ——

Voted, That the Committee adjourn to the second Friday in June. ——

 At a Meeting of the School Committee at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 9th day of June 1797. ——

—— Present ——

Messrs. Seaver, Edwards, Tilden, Hancock, Austin, Welsh, Dexter, West, Spooner, Smith, Crocker, & Welles jr —— 12. —

Voted, That the annual Visitation of the Schools be on Friday the 7th day of July next. —— & that the Committee meet at Faneuil Hall at 8. o'Clock A. M. on that day. —

Voted, That the Schools be visited in the following Order, Viz.t —

1st The south writing School
2d. : south reading do.
3d. : north writing do.
4th : north reading do.
5th : centre writing do.
6th : centre reading do. &
7th : latin grammar do. ——

Voted, That the Children be visited at those Schools they usually attend on the forenoon of that week. — That the several Masters examine their Scholars & exhibit specimens of their proficiency in such Manner as they may think proper. —— That the Children be first examined by that Master at whose school they are & afterwards by the other Master. — That 30 Minutes be allowed at each writing School & 50 Minutes at each reading School & from 50. to 60. Minutes at the latin school as the Time may be. — That it be recommended to the several reading Masters to confer together respecting the Peices to be read in their several Schools that there may not be a needless repetition & that the Dialogues of the Girls be omitted. —

Voted, That the Secretary be desired to furnish the Chairman of the Selectmen & the several Masters with a Copy of the above Votes. ——

Voted — That the Selectmen be a Committee to invite the

Company to visit the Schools on the day appointed. —

Voted – That David Greene, Eben.r Hancock & Benj. Austin jr Esq.rs & Rev.d Jn.o T. Kirkland, new Members of this Committee be classed as follows Viz.t —

1.st subdivision — David Greene Esq
2.d d.o „ Eben.r Hancock Esq &
Benj.a Austin jr Esq
4.th d.o Rev.d Jn.o T. Kirkland. ——

Voted – That the Secretary be requested to procure 14. Medals the same in every respect as those distributed the last Year to be delivered to the Chairman of each sub Com.e proportioned to the number of schools. ——

— Adjourned —

At a (special) Meeting of the School-Committee, at Faneuil-Hall, on Friday, July 28.th 1797. —

—— Present, ——

Mess.rs Seaver, Edwards, Sturgis, Tilden, Little, Hancock, Dawes, West, Stillman, Crocker, & Welles jr —— 11. —

Voted – That the Secretary be desired to advertize in the different News papers, for a Master of the south-reading school, & request the Applicants to address a Letter to the Chairman, on or before Thursday 10.th of August next. —

Voted – That the sub Committee for the south-reading-school, for the Month of August, be enjoined to visit that school, on the 2.d day of that Month, & to deliver the care of the school into the hands of the Usher, untill a master is appointed. ——

Voted – That the Committee adjourn, to Friday the 11.th day of August next. —

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, at Faneuil-hall, on Friday the 11.th day of August 1797. —

Present

Mess.rs Seaver, Little, Edwards, Sturgis, Howard, Hancock, Dawes, West, Stillman, Smith, Welsh, Dexter, Spooner, Kirkland, Gray, Crocker, & Welles jr —— 17. —

Mr. Campbell appeared before the Committee, & stated to them a misunderstanding between him & Master Carter, for turning his son out of his school. — refered to sub Committee for that school ——

A Letter from Mr Samuel Brown, addreſsed to the School-Committee was read. ——

A Letter from Mr. Nath.l Chadwick was read, and refered to sub Committee for Centre schools. ——

A Letter from the Ushers of the different schools was read, respecting a Grant for their services. — refered to September meeting. ——

The sub Committee for south schools reported, that they had visited the south reading school, on the 3.d ins.t & told Mr Waterman, that the Committee expected him to have retired agreably to their recommendation, on the 1.st Ins.t but as had not, they were directed to inform him, that the School Committee had no further service for him, as a Master, & requested him to make up his Acc.o to the 3.d Aug.t; as no draft would be made for him after that day. — The sub Committee then delivered the care of the school, into the hands of the Usher, till a Master shall be appointed. —— whereon

voted, That this Committee do accept the report of the sub Committee on the above busineſs. ——

Applications by Letter from several Persons were received & read: — Viz.t Ezekiel Lewis of Newbury
Charles Cutler of Boston
Asa Bullard of ditto. —

Voted — That the Committee will now come to the choice of a Master for the south school. ——— on sorting and counting the Votes Mr Asa Bullard was chosen. —

Voted — That Mr Bullard be the Master of the south reading school, so long as he conducts to the satisfaction of the school-Committee, & that the sub Committee introduce him to the Government of the School. ——

——— Adjourned. ———

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, at Faneuil-hall, on Friday 1.st of Sept.r Present. ——

Mess.rs Tilden, Sturgis, Hancock, Austin, Howard, Dawes, Stillman, Spooner, Crocker & Welles —— 10. ——

Voted — That as a quorum is not present, the Com.e do adjourn to Friday 15.th inst. at 4. o'Clock P.M. & that the Secretary be requested to insert in the Notifications that special Business will then come before the Committee. ——— —— ———

At a Meeting of the School-Committee at Faneuil Hall on Friday 15.th of September 1797. —

Present.

Meſs.rs Seaver, Little, Sturgis, Tilden, Harris, Austin, Hancock, Howard, Dawes, West, Kirkland, Greene, Welsh, Smith, Spooner, Crocker, & Welles jr — 17. —

A Letter from Mr Samuel Hunt, Master of the latin grammar-school was read, — praying for compensation for House Rent &c — whereon voted, That the Select-Men be requested, to inquire into the state of the land in Braintree, bequeathed to the Town of Boston, for the support of the grammar-school, (as mentioned in Mr Hunt's communication) and report thereon. ——

A Letter from Mr Henry Smith was read, respecting Master Carter's dismiſsing his daughter from his school, Whereon — Voted, That as there appears to be a mistake in this Busineſs, the Committee do not think it proper to take any order on it at this time. ——

Voted, That the sum of One hundred dollars, be granted to each of the Masters, in the public schools, in this town, to be paid them, in proportion for the time they may be in the service of the town, from March to Sept. ins.t ——

Voted, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be granted the several Ushers, in the public schools, to be paid them, in proportion for the time they may be in the service of the Town, from March last to Sept. ins.t ——

Voted, That the sum of Twenty five dollars additional, be granted to Mr. Jon.a Snelling in consideration of Expense for Wood & Rent. ——

Voted, That the Selectmen be requested to draw on the Town Treasurer for the Am.o of the above grants. ——

Voted, That the Committee do adjourn to the first Friday in December, then to meet in this place. ——

At a Meeting of the School Committee at Faneuil Hall on Friday 1st day of December 1797. ——

— Present —

Mess.rs Seaver, Tilden, Sturgis, Harris, Hancock, Austin, Edwards, Dawes, Stillman, West, Welsh, Dexter, Gray, Spooner, Kirkland, Howard, Greene, & Welles jr. — 18. —

Voted, That a special Committee be appointed to inquire into the Facts stated in Mr. Hunt's application for compensation for rent &c ——

Col.o Th. Dawes
Rev.d Mr. West
Mr. Gray &
Mr. Edwards were chosen. ——

The centre writing school being vacant by the decease of Mr. James Carter, voted, That the Committee will now come to the choice of a Master for that school. ——

The Votes being taken it was found that Mr. Jonathan Snelling was unanimously chosen. ——

Voted, That the Secretary acquaint Mr. Snelling with the choice on Monday next & that the sub Committee will attend at 10. o'Clock A. M. on Tuesday to introduce him to the care of that school. ——

Voted, That this Committee to shew their respect for the memory of the late Mr J. Carter, will attend the Funeral on to-morrow & that they will meet for that purpose at 3. o'Clock at the centre school. ——

Voted, That the Usher of the centre school direct the

Scholars to attend at that school at 3. o'Clock to.morrow, to attend the funeral of Mr. Carter. —

Voted, That the semiannual visitation of the schools be on Wednesday the 3.d & Thursday the 4.th of January next, at 9. o'Clock A. M. The north & south schools to be visited on Wednesday & the centre & latin schools on Thursday & that the Secretary be desired to notify the Committee in writing to meet at Faneuil hall, previously & also to acquaint the several Masters with the above Vote. —

— Adjourned —

At a special Meeting of the School-Committee, at Faneuil-hall, on Tuesday the 6.th of March 1798. —

Present.

Mess. Seaver, Sturgis, Tilden, Howard, Hancock, Austin, Dawes, West, Stillman, Welsh, Dexter, Kirkland, Spooner, Greene, Harris, Edwards & Welles Jr — 17. —

The Committee, on the application of Mr Hunt for compensation for rent &c, reported that they had attended to that service, but that Mr. H. had not as yet substantiated his claim, & they had given him further time to produce Vouchers. —

Voted, That the Sum of one hundred dollars, be granted to each of the Masters in the public Schools, to be paid them in proportion for the time they may have been in the service of the Town, from Sept.r last to March inst. & also, That the sum of Fifty dollars, be granted to each of the several Ushers, for the time abovementioned, & in the like proportion. —

Voted. That the Selectmen be requested to draw in favor of all such Masters, & Ushers, who may have been in the service of the Town since March 1795. for their proportion of the additional grants, as have not yet been received by them. ——

— Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the School-Committee at Faneuil-Hall, on Friday, the 30th day of March 1798. ——

Present

Mess. Seaver, Edwards, Harris, Tilden, Hancock, Austin, Dawes, West, Dexter, Welsh, Kirkland, Greene, Gray, Welles Jr, — 14.—

The Vote of the Town was read, appointing the School-Committee for the Year ensuing. —— R.G. Amory was chosen, vice Joseph Crocker dec^d. ——

Voted, That the Committee now proceed to the choice of a Secretary, & Treasurer, for the present year, — on sorting & counting the Votes, it was found, that Arnold Welles Jr was chosen. ——

Voted. That the Committee be subdivided for the monthly visitations, as follows — Viz^t. ——

Mess. Edwards, West, Welsh, Porter, Smith, & Greene, to visit the . . . South schools, in March, April & May,
Latin d^o. . June, July, & August,
North d^o. . Sept, Oct.^o & Nov.^r
Centre d^o. . Decr Jan.^y & Feb.^y

Mess. Hancock, Stillman, Amory, Sherburne, & Austin, to visit
Latin school, in March, April, & May.
North d^o. . June, July, & August.
Centre d^o. . Sept, Oct. & Nov.^r
South d^o. . Decr Jan.^y & Feb.^y

Meſs. Little, Harris, Gray, Spooner, & Welles Jr, to visit

North	schools in	March, April, & May.
Centre	d°.	June, July, & Aug.t
South	d°.	Sept. Oct.° & Nov.r
Latin	d°.	Dec.r Jan.y & Feb.

Meſs. Tilden, Dawes, Dexter, Kirkland, & Tilestone, to visit

Centre	schools in	March, April, & May.
South	d°	June, July, & Aug.t
Latin	d°.	Sept. Oct.° & Nov.r
North	d°.	Dec.r Jan.y & Feb.y

Voted, That the Secretary be desired to notify in writing the Chairman of each sub-committee, with the arrangement for the Year.

Voted, That the Committee will meet the first Friday in every Month after April, untill the annual visitation. — The action brot against the Town by Foster Waterman, late Master of the south-reading school, was conversed upon, & refered to the care of Meſs. Sullivan & Edwards attorneys to the Town.

— Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the School-Committee at Faneiul Hall on Friday the 4.th day of May 1798.

Present

Meſs.rs Tilden, Austin, Hancock, Dexter, Smith, Spooner, Amory, Kirkland, & Welles Jr — 9. —

There not being a Quorum, no Busineſs was done.

Voted, That the Committee adjourn to Friday the 25.th ins.t & that the Secretary be requested to insert in the notifications that the Salary of the Masters & other busineſs of Importance will come before the Com.e at the adjournment.

At a Meeting of the School-Committee (by adjournment) on Friday the 25.th of May 1798. at Faneuil-Hall, —— Present. ——

Meſs.rs Edwards, Harris, Tilden, Hancock, Dawes, Tilestone, Greene, Gray, Amory, Spooner, & Welles Jr. —— 11. ——

Meſs. Seaver, Howard, & Sturgis, having resigned their seats, at the board of Selectmen, & Meſs.rs Porter, Sherburne, & Tilestone, being chosen in their room, Voted, That those Gentlemen be claſsed as follows. — viz.t —

1.st subdivision. Mr. Porter,
2.d d.o . Mr. Sherburne,
4.th d.o . Mr. Tilestone; and that Mr. Th.o Edwards take the place of Mr. Seaver as Chairman of the first subdivision. ——

Mr. Rumney appeared before the Committee, & stated the severity, with which his Son had been treated by Mr. White, the Usher of the north reading school, & who has the care of it, during the temporary absence of Master Sleeper, whereon it was voted, That this complaint be refered to the sub-Committee, who at present, have the care of that school, to inquire into, & report, at the adjournment. ——

Voted, That the Salary of the several Masters be, at and after the rate, of six hundred & sixty six dollars, & 66 cents, p.r ann. & the several Ushers, Three hundred, & thirty three dollars, & 33 cents, so long, as they continue in the service of the town, during the year which expires in March next. ——

Voted, That so much of the will of the late D.r Franklin, as relates to the Town of Boston, be placed on the records of this Committee. ——

The Measures respecting the distribution of school books, & the medals, for the present Year, were refered to the adjournment.

 The Committee adjourned to Friday, the 8.th of June next. —

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, at Fanieul Hall, on Friday the 8.th of June 1798. —

Present, Messrs Edwards, Tilden, Harris, Hancock, Austin, Porter, Tilestone, West, Stillman, Dexter, Spooner, Gray, & Welles Jr. —— 13. ——

Voted, That six volumes of Webster's institutes be delivered to the Chairman of each sub committee, visiting the reading schools, to be distributed by them, agreeably to the intention of the donor. ——

Voted, That the annual visitation of the Schools be on Friday, the 6.th of July next, — & that the Committee will meet at Fanieul Hall, at 8 o'Clock A. M. on that day. —

Voted, That the Schools be visited in the following order, viz. —— 1.st – The north writing School,
2.d – north reading d.o –
3.d – south writing d.o –
4.th – south reading d.o –
5.th – centre writing d.o –
6.th – centre reading d.o – and
7.th – latin grammar d.o —

Voted, That the Children be visited at those schools, they usually attend, on the forenoon of that week. — That the several Masters examine their scholars, & exhibit specimens of their proficiency, in such manner, as they may think proper. — That the Children be first examined by that Master, at whose school they are, & afterwards by the other Master. — That 30 Minutes be allowed at each writing school, & 50 Minutes at each reading school, & from 50 to 60 minutes at the latin school, as the Time may be. — That it be recommended to the several reading Masters, to confer together, respecting the peices to be read, in their several schools, that there may not be a

needless repetition, & that the Dialogues of the Girls be omitted. ——— .

Voted, That the Secretary be desired to furnish the Chairman of the Selectmen, & the several masters, with a Copy of the above Votes. ———

Voted, That the Selectmen be a Committee, to invite the Company, to visit the Schools, on the day appointed. ———

Voted, That the Secretary be desired to procure seven medals, the same in every respect, as those distributed the last year, to be delivered to the Chairman of each sub committee, proportioned to the number of Schools. —

The sub Committee who were appointed to examine into the complaint of Mr Rumney, against Mr. White, the Usher of the north-reading school, for severely beating his son, reported a state of facts, as on file. — The Committee after maturely considering the evidence, adduced in the case, on both sides, came to the following Vote. — That this Committee, do not think it expedient, to take any further measures on the subject, except, that the sub committee abovementioned, be desired, to inform Mr White privately, that the school Committee, do not approve of such severe chastisement, on any occasion, altho' they highly condemn the disorderly behaviour of the Boy. ———

— Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, at the Representatives' Chamber, in the old-state-house, Friday, 14th. day of Sept.r 1798. ———

— Present. —

Mess.rs Edwards, Tilden, Hancock, Austin, Porter, Sherburne, Tileston, Dawes, Stillman, Welsh, Smith, & Welles Jr. — 11. —

Voted, That the sum of One hundred dollars be granted to each of the Masters in the public schools to be paid them in proportion for the time they may have been in the service of the town from March last to Sept. ins.t & also that the sum of Fifty dollars be granted to each of the several Ushers, for the time abovementioned and in the like proportion. ——

Voted, That the Selectmen be requested to draw on the Town Treasurer for the amount of the above grants. — Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, at the Senate-Chamber of the old State-House, on Friday, the 28.th of Dec.r 1798. — Present. —

Mess.rs Tilden, Porter, Hancock, Tilestone, Austin, West, Stillman, Spooner, Kirkland, Amory, Welles Jr. — 11. —

Voted, That the semiannual visitation of the Schools, be on Wednesday the 2.d & Thursday the 3.d of January next, at 9. o'Clock, A. M. — The north & south Schools to be visited on Wednesday, & the centre & latin schools on Thursday, — & that the Sec.ry be desired to notify the Committee, in writing, to meet previously, at the Senate-Chamber of the old State-House, & also, to acquaint the several Masters with the above Vote. —

Voted, That the south schools be visited, first in order, on Wednesday. ——

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, at the Selectmen's Room, Faneuil Hall ——, on Friday the 22.d of February 1799. — Present. —

Mess.rs Edwards, Tilden, Austin, Hancock, Porter, Tilestone, Harris, Sherburne, West, Welsh, & Welles Jr. —— 11.

Voted, That the sum of One hundred dollars be granted to each

each of the Masters in the public Schools, to be paid them in proportion for the time they may have been in the service of the Town from September last, to the 1.st of March ensuing, & also, that the sum of Fifty dollars be granted to each of the several Ushers, for the time abovementioned, and in the like proportion. —

Voted, That the Selectmen be requested to draw on the Town Treasurer for the above grants, & the Secretary be desired to furnish the Town Clerk with a Copy of the above Vote. —

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, at the Selectmen's-Room, Faneuil Hall, on Friday, the 5.th day of April 1799.

Present. Mess.rs Tilden, Hancock, Dawes, Sturgis, Kirkland, Porter, Welsh, Cobb, Smith, Green, & Welles Jr. — 11. —

The Vote of the Town was read, appointing the School Committee for the Year ensuing. — on motion,

Voted, to come to a choice of a Secretary & Treasurer, for the Year ensuing. — the votes being collected & sorted, Mr. Samuel Cobb was declared to be chosen. —

Voted, That the several Masters & Ushers of the public schools be continued in office the present year, on their conducting themselves to general satisfaction. —

Voted, That the salary of the several Masters be, at & after the rate of, six hundred & sixty six dollars, & 66. cents, & the several Ushers, Three hundred & thirty three dollars, & thirty three cents, so long as they continue in the service of the Town, during the Year which expires in March next. —

Turn Over.

Voted, That the Committee be subdivided for the monthly visitations as follows. — viz.t —

1.st Mess.rs Bulfinch, West, Porter, May, Smith & Green, to visit the . . . South schools in March, April, & May.
Latin d.o . June, July, & August.
North d.o . Sept. Oct.o & Nov.r
Centre d.o . Dec.r Jan.y & Feb.y —

2.d Mess.rs Hancock, Stillman, Welsh, Amory & Sherburne, to visit the . . Latin schools . March, April & May.
North d.o . June, July & August.
Centre d.o . Sept. Oct.o & Nov.r
South d.o . Dec.r Jan.y & Feb.y —

3.d Mess.rs Sturgis, Howard, Gray, Spooner & Welles Jr. to visit the
North schools in March, April & May.
Centre d.o . June, July & August.
South d.o . Sept. Oct.o & Nov.r
Latin d.o . Dec.r Jan.y & Feb.y —

4.th Mess.rs Tilden, Dawes, Dexter, Cobb, & Kirkland, to visit the
Centre schools in March, April & May
South d.o . June, July & Aug.t
Latin d.o . Sept. Oct.o & Nov.r
North d.o . Dec.r Jan.y & Feb.y —

Voted, That the Secretary be desired to notify in writing, the Chairman of each sub Committee with the arrangement for the Year. —

Voted, That the Committee will meet the first Friday in every month after April, untill the annual visitation. —

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the School Committee at Faneuil Hall Friday June 7.th 1799. — Present. —
Mr. Charles Bulfinch in the Chair,
Mess.rs Sturgis, Hancock, Tilden, Greene, Welles, Tilestone, Sherburne, Cobb,
Rev.d Doct. Stillman, Mr. Kirkland, & Doctor Aaron Dexter. — 12.

Mr. May having resigned as Selectman, & Mr. Tilestone, being elected,
Voted, that Mr. Tilestone be Classed in the first subdivision, for the monthly visitation of the Schools, in the place of Mr. May. . . . . .

Voted, that the Secretary be directed to procure as soon as may be convenient, fourteen Medals, the same in every respect, as those distributed the last Year, to be delivered to the Chairman of each Sub-Committee, proportioned to the number of Schools. . . . . .

Voted, that four Volumes of Webster's Institutes be delivered to the Chairman of each Sub Committee visiting the reading Schools, to be distributed by them to the Boys, agreeably to the intentions of the Donor. . . . and that for the present year * an equal number of Volumes be also delivered to the said Chairmen to be distributed in like manner to the Girls of said Schools. . .

Voted, that the annual Visitation of the several Schools be on Tuesday the 9.th of July next, & the Committee will meet at Faneuil Hall at Eight o'Clock of that Day. A.M:

Turn Over

Voted, that the Schools be visited in the following Order, Viz. 1.st the South writing School
2.d South reading do.
3.d North writing do.
4.th North reading do.
5.th Center writing do.
6.th Center reading do. &
7.th Latin grammar do.

Voted, that the Children be visited at those Schools they usually attend, on the forenoon of that week. — That the several masters examine their Scholars, & exhibit specimens of their proficiency in such manner as they may think proper. — That the Children be first Examined by that master at whose School they are, & afterwards by the other master — that thirty minuets be allowed at each writing School, and fifty minuets at each reading School, and from fifty to Sixty minuets at the Latin grammar School as the time may be. — that it be recommended to the several reading masters to Confer together respecting the Peices to be read in their several Schools, that there may not be a needless repetition, and that the Dialogues of the Girls be omitted. —

Voted, That the Secretary be desired to furnish the Chairman of the Selectmen, and the several masters with a Copy of the above Votes. . .

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to invite the Company to Visit the Schools, on the day appointed. Adjourned to Tuesday July. 9.th next. —

At a Meeting of the School Committee at the Selectmen's Room, Faneuil Hall on Friday September 6th 1799. Present, Messrs. Bulfinch, Spooner, Tilestone, Porter, Smith, Sturgis, Hancock, Greene, Welles, Cobb. & Dr. West,

Voted, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars be granted to each of the Masters of the public Schools, to be paid them in proportion for the time they may have been in the Service of the town, from ~~March~~ the first day of March last, to the first day of September inst.; and also that the Sum of Fifty Dollars be granted to each of the several Ushers, for the time above-mentioned, and in the like Proportion.—

Voted; That the Selectmen be desired to draw on the Town Treasurer, for the above grants and the Secretary be Requested to furnish the Town Clerk with a Copy of the above Votes—

The Committee Adjourned to the first Friday in December next.

At a Meeting of the School Committee at Faneuil-Hall, Friday December 6th 1799 —

Present.

Meſs.rs Bulfinch, Sturgis, Tileston, Dawes, West, Greene, Spooner, Welles, Gray, Kirkland, & Cobb. 11.

Voted, That the Semiannual Visitation of the Schools, be on Thursday the 2.d & Friday the 3.d of January next, at 9 O'Clock. A. M. — the North & South Schools to be visited on Thursday, & the Center & Latin Schools on Friday — and that the Secretary be desired to Notify the Committee, in Writing, to meet Previously at the Selectmen-Room, Faneuil Hall — and also to Acquaint the several Masters of the above Vote —

Voted. That the North Schools be Visited, first in Order, on Thursday.

Adjourned —

At a meeting of the School Committee, at the Selectmen's room Faneuil Hall on Friday the Twentieth day of March 1800.

Present. Meſs Bulfinch, Dawes, Hancock, Sturgis, Kirkland, Smith, Emerson, Dexter, Eckley, West, Oliver, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Welles and Quincy. .. 16. The Vote of the Town was read appointing the School Committee for the year enſuing. — On motion —

Voted. To come to a choice of a Secretary and Treaſurer for the year enſuing. The votes being collected and ſorted, Mr. Josiah Quincy was declared to be choſen.

Voted — That the ſeveral masters and Uſhers of the publick ſchools, be continued in office the preſent year, on their conducting themſelves to general ſatiſfaction.

Voted. — That the ſalary of the ſeveral masters, be at and after the rate of Six hundred and sixty six dollars and sixty six cents, and the several Ushers Three hundred and thirty three dollars and thirty three Cents, ſo long as they continue in the ſervice of the Town during the year, which expires in March next.

Voted. That the Committee be ſubdivided for the monthly visitation, as follows vizt. —

1st. Meſs^rs^ Bulfinch — Howard — Sherburne — Eckley — Smith and Gray to visit the . . . . . South Schools in March, April and May.
Latin .. D^o^ .. in June, July and August.
North .. D^o^ .. in Sep^r^., October and November.
Centre .. D^o^ .. in Dec^r^., Jany. and February.

2^d^ Meſs^rs^ Hancock, Oliver, Porter, Emmerson, and Welsh to visit the . . . . Latin Schools in March, April, and May.
North .. D^o^ .. in June, July, and August.
Centre .. D^o^ .. in Sep^r^., October and November.
South .. D^o^ .. in Decr. Jany. and February.

3^d^ Meſs^rs^ Sturgis, Tilestone, Green, West and Weller to visit the . . . . North Schools, in March, April and May.
Centre .. D^o^ .. in June, July and August.
South .. D^o^ .. in Sepr. October and November.
Latin .. D^o^ .. in Decr. Jany. and February.

4th Meſs^rs^ Tildens, Dawes, Dexter, Kirkland and Quincy to visit the . . . . . Centre Schools, in March, April and May.
South .. D^o^ .. in June, July, and August.
Latin .. D^o^ .. in Sep^r^., October, and November.
North .. D^o^ .. in Dec^r^., Jany and February.

Voted. That the Secretary be desired to notify in writing the chairman of each ſub Committee with the arrangement for the year.

Voted. That the ſum of One Hundred Dollars be granted to each of the masters of the public ſchools to be paid them in proportion for the time they may have been in the ſervice of the Town from the First

day of September last to the First day of March Instant: And also that the ſum of Fifty dollars be granted to each of the ſeveral ushers for the time above mentioned and in the like proportion.

Voted – That the Selectmen be deſired to draw on the Town Treaſurer for the above grants and that the Secretary be requested to furnish the Town Clerk with a copy of the above Vote.

Voted – That no Grant be made in future, by the Committee for services to any usher, in the public schools unleſs the choice of ſuch usher has been previously approved by the Committee.

Voted. That the petition of George Middleton and others, in behalf of the people of colour be referred to the following Sub Committee, to consider and report to the School Committee, at the time of its next adjournment, what meaſures are expedient to be adopted thereon – viz. Meſs^rs Dexter, Welles, Kirkland, Emerson, and Quincy.

Voted that the Committee adjourn to Friday the Fourth day of April next; and that the Committee will meet on the First Friday in every month, until the annual visitation.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the School Committee on Friday the Fourth day of April 1800 – at the Selectmen's room Faneuil Hall – Present – Meſs^rs Bulfinch, Dexter, West, Porter, Welsh, Welles, Tilden, Dawes Kirkland, Hancock, Sturgis, Sherburne, Oliver, Tileston, Eckley, Emerson Smith, Gray & Quincy – 19 –

The report of the Subcommittee, to which was referred the petition of George Middleton and others, being read – (as on file) – was accepted, and thereupon – Voted – That the Selectmen be requested to insert the ſubject matter of ſaid report in the next Warrant for Town meeting.

Voted. That the Selectmen be also requested to insert an

article in the next warrant for town meeting, for the town to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a new school in said town for the benefit of the inhabitants.

Voted. That the Secretary be directed to procure and have compleated before the month of June next, Fourteen medals, the same in every respect as those distributed the last year, to be delivered to the chairman of each sub Committee, proportioned to the number of Schools.

Voted. That three volumes of Webster's institutes be delivered to the chairman of each SubCommittee, visiting the reading Schools to be distributed by them to the boys, agreeably to the intentions of the donor - and that for the present year an equal number of Volumes be also delivered to the said chairman to be distributed in like manner to the Girls of said Schools.

Voted that the Committee adjourn to the first Friday of next month.

At a meeting of the school Committee, at the Selectmen's rooms, on Friday 2^{d}. May 1800. Present Mess Bulfinch, Dawes, Tilden, Slinger, Weller, Hancock Porter, Emerson, Kirkland, Eckley, Oliver, Tileston, Smith, Howard, Quincy -15.-

Voted - That the Sub Committee, in visiting their respective schools, be requested to enquire if societies, for any purposes, have been permitted to assemble in their respective schools, in the evening, and prohibit such practices for the future, without special leave from the Committee. And that ye Secretary furnish the chairman of each subCommittee with a copy of this Vote.

Voted. That the chairman and Col Dawes be a Committee, together with Mr Tileston, to examine into the state of the Latin Grammar School and to take into consideration what measures may be expedient to be adopted in relation to it & to report at next meeting.

Voted. That the Committee adjourn to the First Friday of next month.

At a meeting of the School Committee at Faneuil Hall on Friday the Sixth of June 1800. —

Present - Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Hancock, Tilden Sturgis, Tileston, West, Kirkland, Greene, Eckley, Oliver, Welles, Quincy — 13. —

A letter from Samuel Brown, master of the Centre reading School, was read, resigning his place as master of that school after the next annual visitation. —

Voted - That the Secretary be desired to advertize in the publick papers for a master of the centre reading school - The applications to be in writing and handed to the chairman of the selectmen at anytime previous to the 27. Inst. —

Voted. that the annual visitations of the several schools be on Tuesday the 8th. of July next, and that the Committee will meet at Faneuil Hall at 8 o'Clock a. M. on that day. —

Voted - That the schools be visited in the following order viz.

1st. The North writing school
2d. North reading .. Do..
3d. South writing .. Do..
4th. South reading . Do.
5th. Centre writing . Do.
6th. centre reading . Do.
7th. Latin Grammar Do.

Voted. That the children be visited at those Schools they usually attend on the Forenoon of that week - That the several masters examine their scholars & exhibit specimens of their proficiency in such manner as they may think proper - That the children be first examined by that master, at whose school they are, and after ward by the other master - That Thirty minutes be allowed at each writing school and Fifty minutes at each reading school and from Fifty to Sixty minutes at the latin grammar school as the time may be - That it be recommended to the several rea-

ding masters to confer together concerning the Peices to be read in their several schools that a needless repetition may be avoided; and that the dialogues of the Girls be omitted. —

Voted that the Secretary be requested to furnish the chairman of the Selectmen and the several masters with a copy of the above votes —

Voted. That the Selectmen be a Committee to invite the company to visit the schools on the next annual visitation.

Voted — That the Committee adjourn to Friday the 27th Inst 5 O'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place

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At a meeting of the school committee at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 27th of June. 1800 — Present — Messrs Bulfinch, Smith, Emerson, Hancock, Welsh, West, (Dawes, (Dexter, Sturgis, Kirkland Quincy, Oliver, Tileston, Tilden, Porter Eckley & Wells — 17. —

Voted — That the Secretary be requested to procure and pay some Engraver for inserting the names of the boys, to whom the medals have been distributed, in their respective medals.

Applications, in writing from several persons; for the office of master of the Centre reading school were received and read, vizt. 1. Horace Binn.
2. Isaiah Curling.
3. Josiah Clarke.
4. John Warren Dow
5. John Haskell
6. John T. Tennison
7. Thomas Pike Lathy
8. Ezekiel Little
9. John B. Payson
10. Artemas Sawyer
11. John Shearman

Voted. That the committee will now come to the choice of a master of the Centre reading school. — On sorting and counting the votes Mr. John Haskell had seventeen votes and was declared unanimously chosen — Whereupon —

Voted. That Mr. John Haskell be the master of the Centre reading school, ſo long as he conducts to the ſatisfaction of the Committee, and that the visiting Committee of that school be requested to introduce Mr. Haskell to it, as ſoon as Mr. Brown shall leave it, and acquaint him with the regulations of the school Committee for the government of the School.

Whereas ſeveral of the masters of the different schools have been in the practice of appointing ushers without applying for the approbation of the school Committee — Voted — That ſuch practice be no longer permitted and that in future, no person shall be considered as an usher, unleſs he ſhall previously receive the approbation of ſaid Committee —

Voted That the Secretary furnish each of the masters with a copy of the foregoing vote, and also with a copy of the vote of the Twentieth of March last relative to the ſame ſubject.

Voted That the chairman of each ſub Committee be desired to furnish each master with a copy of the printed regulations, and recommend a ſtrict adherence to them.

Voted That the Committee adjourn to Tuesday the 8th of July 8 oClock A. M. Then to meet in this place.

At a meeting of the School committee at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 22d day of August 1800 — Present Meſs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Hancock, Porter, Sherburne, Oliver, Dawes, West, Eckley, Greene, Dexter and Smith — 12 —

The Committee proceeded to the choice of two Ushers; for the Center and South reading ſchools. — Mr. Horace Bean was chosen Usher of the Centre reading school.

Mr. John F. Tennison was chosen Usher of the South reading school.

Voted. That the ſum of One Hundred Dollars be granted to each of the masters of the public ſchools to be paid them in proportion for the time they may have been in the ſervice of the Town, from the first day of March last to the first of September next and also that the ſum of Fifty dollars be granted to each of the ſeveral Ushers for the time abovementioned & in the like proportion.

Voted. That the ſelectmen be desired to draw on the town Treasurer for the above grants and the ſecretary be requested to furnish the Town Clerk with a copy of the above vote.

The Committee adjourned to the first Friday in October next.

At a meeting of the school Committee specially called on Tuesday the 26th day of August 1800. Present Mess Bulfinch, West, Welsh, Gray, Sherburne, Hancock, Kirkland, Dawes, Smith, Eckley, Green, Tilestone, Porter & Tilden – 14. — A letter from Mr. Bullard respecting the choice of Mr. Tennison as usher to his school was read – and debate ensued thereon. Whereupon voted – That the vote for the choice of Mr. Tenniſon past at the laſt meeting be reconſidered .. Also –

Voted That the Revd. Dr. West, Mr Kirkland, & Mr. Porter be a Committee to report what has been the practice of the School Committee with respect to the appointment of Ushers – and to consider and report what, in their opinion, would be the most eligible mode to adopt in the choice of Ushers in future.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Friday next Five o'Clock and that notifications be ſent to the members, expreſsing the purpose of the choice of an usher.

At a meeting of the School Committee agreeably to adjournment on Friday the 29th. of August 1800 — at Faneuil Hall —
Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tilestone, Hancock, Dexter, Kirkland, Sturgis, Oliver, West, Welsh, Weller, Sherburne & Quincy. — 14.

Voted - That the Committee proceed to the choice of an Usher for the South Reading School — And —

Mr. Samuel Shaw, having Nine votes, was declared to be chosen —

The Committee appointed at the last meeting made the following Report, which was read, by Paragraphs, and being considered was Voted to be accepted & further that each master be furnished with a copy.

"The Committee chosen to report what has been the practice of the School Committee with respect to the appointment of Ushers & to consider & report what, in their opinion, would be the most eligible mode to adopt in the choice of Ushers for the future, beg leave to report,

That, upon a careful examination of the records of the Committee it appears, that during the two first years after the institution of the Committee; no uniform system was pursued, with regard to the appointment of Ushers; except that in most instances they were nominated by the masters and approved by the Committee;

That from the year 1792 the Committee have not passed a vote respecting the election of any Usher or Ushers; and the appointment of them has rested solely with the masters, till the Votes of the 27th. of June last; except that in one case the visiting Committee reported that they had appointed an Usher.

Your Committee recommend that, in future a uniform system should be adopted and propose the following as, in their opinion, best calculated to promote the good of the schools. —

1st.

1st. That whenever a vacancy in the uſhership of any ſchool is expected to take place, it ſhall be the duty of the maſter of ſuch ſchool to give timely notice thereof to the chairman of the Committee. —

2d. That the maſters be informed that the Committee wiſh and expect, that when they notify a vacancy they alſo name ſuch perſon or perſons, as they know, or ſuppoſe to be candidates for the office, with their opinion & evidence of their qualifications. —

3d. That, in future, the Committee will approve or diſapprove the perſon or perſons propoſed by the maſters; and that, in caſe of neglect of the maſters to propoſe a candidate, or the rejection of ſuch as they may propoſe the Committee will appoint __any perſon__ to the office, whom they may deem qualified. —

4th. That whenever any unexpected or caſual vacancy in an uſhership ſhall take place, it ſhall be the duty of the maſter immediately to conſult the viſiting committee, and, with their approbation, to procure ſome perſon to officiate for the time being till an uſher ſhall be regularly choſen. —

5th. That all uſhers now in office, who have not been voted in by the Committee, but yet, who have received draughts for ſalary, be conſidered as regularly introduced; but that, in future, no perſon ſhall hold the office or receive a draught for ſalary, unleſs he has been appointed in conformity to these regulations

6th. That no perſon ſhall be choſen or continued maſter or uſher who ſhall be a student with a regular practitioner of Law or phyſic without ſpecial permiſsion from the Committee

August 29. 1800. — J. T. Kirkland pr Order

__Adjourned.__

At a meeting of the School Committee at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 3d October 1800 — Present Meſs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Tilden, Tileston, Hancock, Sturgis, Porter, Dawes, Greene, Emmerson and Welles — 11 —

Mr. Hunt, master of the Latin ſchool came before the Committee and stated that a vacancy of an Usher had taken place in said ſchool and ſubmitted to the Committee the propriety of re-eſtabliſhing Mr. — Cutler who had formerly filled that office.

Whereupon voted that the committee do now come to the choice of an Usher for the Latin School — and the votes being ſorted and counted it was found that Mr. Cutler was choſen.

— adjourned.

At a meeting of the School Committee at Faneuil Hall on Friday the fifth of December 1800. Present Meſs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Oliver, Tileston, Sherburne, Green, Welsh, Emmerson, Dexter & Howard — 11 —

On application of Mr. Behn Usher of the Center reading ſchool for liberty to make uſe of the South reading ſchool houſe for the purpoſe of an evening ſchool, Voted, that ſuch liberty be granted to him provided it ſhall not interfere with the master of ſaid School.

Voted. That ſemiannual viſitation of the ſchools be on Thursday the first and Friday the Second of January the next at 9 o'Clock A.M. the South & North ſchools to be viſited on Thursday and the Centre ſchools on Friday and that the Secretary be desired to notify the Committee in writing to meet previouſly at the ſelectmen's room and alſo to acquaint the School masters of the above vote and that the South ſchools be viſited first in order on Thursday.

Adjourned —

At a meeting of the School Committee on Friday December the nineteenth at Faneuil Hall — Present. Meſs Bulfinch, West

Emerson, Porter, Tileston, Tilden, Hancock, Sturgis, Eckley, Smith, Bower, Green, Sherburne & Quincy -14.-

Voted - That the vote paſsed on the fifth Instant relative to the Semi-annual visitation of the Schools be reconſidered, and that Friday the Ninth of January next at 9 o'clock P.M, be the day for ſuch visitation beginning with the South ſchools, and that the Secretary be requested to notify the masters of this vote, and also the members of this committee of the time and place of meeting, previous to the visitation. Adjourned. ——

At a meeting of the School Committee on Friday the Sixth of February 1801. at Faneuil Hall. Present. Meſs^rs Bulfinch, Welch, Smith, Dexter, Greene, Tilden, Eckley, Hancock, Sherburne, Howard, Sturgis, West, Tilestone, Emerſon, Kirkland & Quincy. -16-

Voted - That in all applications for the office of master or Usher of any Grammar School, in this Town, an education in ſome university ſhall be conſidered as an indiſpenſable requiſite.

The Committee then proceeded to examine the vouchers and recommendations of the following gentlemen as Candidates for the office of Master of the North Grammar School.

Horatio Bethne

John F. Jenniſon

Ezekiel Little

Voted. That the Committee now come to a choice of a master of the North Reading School - This being done accordingly, it appeared, that the whole number of Votes were Sixteen, of which Mr Ezekiel Little had Eleven & was choſen - Whereupon

Voted That Mr Ezekiel Little be the master of the North reading ſchool ſo long as he conducts to the ſatiſfaction of this committee & that the viſiting Committee be requested to introduce him to the ſchool accordingly.

Voted – That Mr Green, Dr Dexter, Mr Kirkland, Mr Emerson & Mr Quincy be a Committee to examine into the ſtate of the Latin School and report what meaſures ought to be adopted in reſpect to it. Adjourned.

At a meeting of the School Committee on Friday the Sixth of March 1801, at Faneuil Hall. Present Meſs. Bulfinch, Green, Dexter, Porter Kirkland, Emerson, West, Tilden, Hancock, Wells, Oliver, Tilestone, Sturgis, Howard, [illegible], Welsh, & Quincy — 17 —

Voted. That the Committee, to whom, at the last meeting, was referred the State of the Latin School, continue the ſame ſubject under their conſideration, and that they be requested to examine into the preſent regulations of that ſchool and report ſuch alterations or additions thereto, which they may deem neceſsary, at the next meeting — Voted – That the Committee now come to a choice of an Uſher of the North reading ſchool; which being done, accordingly, Mr Rufus Wyman was unanimouſly choſen.

Voted That the ſum of One Hundred Dollars be granted to each of the maſters in the public ſchools to be paid them in proportion for the time they may have been in the ſervice of the town from September last to the first of March Instant – Also – That the ſum of Fifty Dollars be granted to each of the ſeveral Uſhers for the time abovementioned in the like proportion.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to draw on the Town Treaſurer for the above grants and that the Secretary be desired to furniſh the Town Clerk with a copy of the above voted.

Voted That the Secretary be directed to advertise in ſome news paper for a person of ſuitable Claſsical & moral qualifications for Uſher of the Latin School.

Adjourned

At a meeting of the School Committee at the Selectmen's room on Thursday the Second of April 1801. — Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Eckley, Greene, West, Dexter, Porter, Tilestone, Kirkland, Hunnewell, Dawes, Sturgis, Gray, Smith, Tilden, Welles, & Emerson — 16 —

Voted — That Mr. Emerson, secretary of the School committee for the present meeting.

voted that the Committee come to the choice of the Secretary & Treasurer for the year ensuing — The votes being taken Josiah Quincy was declared chosen.

Voted That the Committee be subdivided, for the purpose of monthly visitations as follows viz.

1. Messrs. Bulfinch — Howard — Sherburne — Eckley, Smith, & Gray
to visit the - - - - South Schools in March, April & May.
Latin Do. - - in June, July & August.
North Do. in Sepr. October & November.
Centre Do. in Dec. Jany. & February.

2d. Messrs. Porter . . . Oliver, Hunnewell, Emerson & Welsh
to visit the . . . . . . Latin Schools . . in March, April & May.
North Do. . . in June, July & August.
Centre Do. . . in Sepr., October & Novr.
South Do. . . in Decr. Jany. & Feby.

3d. Messrs. Sturgis . . . Tilestone, Green, West & Welles, to
visit the . . . . . North Schools in March, April & May
Centre Do. . . in June. July & August
South Do. . . in Sepr. October & Novr.
~~North~~ Latin Do. . . in Decr. Jany. & Feby.

4th. Messrs. Tilden, . . Dawes, Dexter, Kirkland and Quincy
to visit the . . . . Centre Schools . . in March, April & May
South . . Do. . . in June, July & August,
Latin . . Do. . . in Sepr., October & Novr.
North . . Do. . . in Decr. Jany. & Feby.

Voted That the Secretary be desired to notify in writing the chairman of each SubCommittee with the arrangement for the year.

Voted That the ſum of One Hundred Dollars be granted to each of the masters of the public Schools to be paid to them in proportion for the time they may have been in the ſervice of the Town from the First day of September last to the First day of March Instant. And alſo that the ſum of Fifty dollars be granted to each of the ſeveral uſhers for the time above mentioned and in the like proportions.

Voted. That the Selectmen be desired to draw on the Town Treaſurer for the above grants and that the Secretary be requested to furniſh the Town Clerk with a copy of the above vote.

The report of the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Latin School being read – Whereupon voted – That the conſideration of ſaid report be postponed until the time of the next adjournment of this meeting and that Mr. Hunt be notified by the Chairman of the School Committee of the ſubject of said report and that the committee will be ready to hear any obſervations from him respecting it, at the adjournment if agreeable to him.

Voted that the Committee adjourn until Saturday afternoon next at four o'Clock.

Adjourned

At a meeting of the School Committee on Friday the fourth of April 1808 at Faneuil Hall. Present Meſs: Bulfinch Porter, Emerſon, Kirkland, Dexter, Greene, Tilestone, Dawes, Smith, Hunnewell, Wells, Sturgis, Oliver, Sherburne, Gray, Tilden, Welſh, Quincy. – 18 –

Master Hunt attended the Committee and expreſsed his ſenti-ments to them upon the ſubject of the report of the Special Committee, to which was referred the ~~to the~~ State of the Latin School, and having retired, — Voted. That the report of the ſaid Committee be accepted and in conformity to ſaid report —

Voted — That the place of an uſher which is now vacant ſhould be filled by an Aſsiſtant master, of a respectable literary character, and that ſuch an Aſsiſtant master be given the annual ſalary of Six hundred dollars.

The Committee then proceeded to the choice of an Aſsiſ-tant Master, agreeably to the proceeding vote, and Mr. William Wells was unanimously choſen.

Voted That the ſame Special Committee be requested to take into conſideration and to define the powers of the Master and aſsiſtant Master of the Latin ſchool, and draw up a ſyſtem of inſtruction for the School and report.

Voted That the Chairman notify Mr. Wells and request an anſwer. <u>Adjourned</u>.

At a meeting of the School Committee on Friday the first day of May 1805 — at Faneuil Hall - Present Messrs Bulfinch, Greene, Hunnewell, Tileston, Dexter, Welsh, Kirkland, Tilden, Emerson, Smith, Wells & Quincy. — 12 —

The Report of the Special committee appointed appointed at the last meeting to define the powers of the Master and aſsiſt-ant Master of the Latin School and to draw up a ſyſtem of inſtruction for the ſchool being read, whereupon and in conformity thereto —

<u>Voted</u>

Voted. That whilst the School Committee consider the authority of the Assistant Master as subordinate to that of the master in cases where differences of opinion occur, they yet recommend the School to their joint care and management, hoping and expecting that the Master will consult the Assistant Master in all matters relating to the instruction and government of the School and depending on the united efforts of both in promoting the respectability and usefulness of the institution.

Also Voted — That no Translation of the higher Classics be allowed to be used in the School.

The Chairman having informed the Committee that he had notified Mr. Wells of their choice & that he had declared his acceptance of the Office of Assistant Master of the Latin School, —

Voted — That the special committee to whom had been referred the consideration of the state of that School be requested to introduce Mr. Wells to the said office on Monday the fourth Instant and that the Salary of Mr. Wells be considered as commencing on the Twenty Seventh of April last.

Voted That the Secretary furnish two copies of the above votes to the Chairman of the Special Committee, who is requested to deliver them to the Master and Assistant Master of the Latin School.

Master Tilestone nominated to the Committee Mr. Stephen Cushier of the North School, for their approbation.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the School Committee on Friday June the fifth 1801. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Oliver, Tilestone Hunnewell, Wert, Dexter, Smith, Welles, Emerson & Kirkland. — 12 —

Voted. That the Secretary be directed to procure and have completed, as soon as possible, fourteen medals, the same in every respect as those distributed last year, to be delivered to the

chairman of each ſub Committee, proportioned to the number of the ſchools.

Voted - That Three Volumes of Webster's inſtitutes be delivered to the Chairman of each ſub Committee, viſiting the reading ſchools to be distributed to the boys in ſaid ſchools.

Voted That the annual viſitation of the ſchools be on Wednesday the Eighth day of July next and that the Committee meet at Faneuil Hall at Eight o'Clock. A M. _

Voted That the Schools be viſited in the following order.

1. The South Writing School.
2. _ . South reading .. Do...
3. _ . North Writing .. Do...
4. .. - . North reading .. Do...
5. .. - . Centre Writing .. Do...
6. ... . Centre reading .. Do...
7. .. - Latin Grammar .. Do...

Voted. That the children be viſited at those ſchools, they uſually attend on the Forenoon of that week. That the ſeveral maſters examine their Scholars & exhibit ſpecimens of their proficiency in ſuch manner as they may think proper. That the children be first examined by the maſter at whoſe ſchool they are, and afterwards by the other maſter. That Thirty minutes be allowed at each writing ſchool and Fifty minutes at each reading ſchool, and from Fifty to ſixty minutes at the Latin Grammar School as the time may be. That it be recommended to the ſeveral maſters to confer together concerning the peices to be read in their ſeveral ſchools, that a needleſs repetition be avoided & that the dialogues of the girls be omitted.

Voted. That the masters in the ſeveral ſchools be deſired to exact a punctual attendance of their ſcholars at the ſtated hours of opening the ſchool and that they demand a note of excuſe from every one, who ſhall come late to the ſchool, and in caſe any youth ſhall not be furniſhed with a note, that the maſter ſend him for one to his parents and that he be not ſuffered to remain in the ſchool until he ſhall produce ſuch note. — Voted That the Secretary furniſh every maſter with a copy of the above votes.

Voted That the Committee, which has under its conſideration the regulations of the Latin Grammar School be deſired to ſelect and propoſe ſuch rules and regulations as are of permanent uſe & proper to be printed and to report them at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the School committee on Friday the 31ſt day of July. 1801.
Preſent. Meſs Bulfinch, Sturgis, Oliver, Tilestone, Hunnewell, Dawes, Eckley, Emerſon, Wells, Welſh & Dexter. 11.

The Committee having received information from Mr. Bullard that an Uſher would be wanted for the South reading School, on the firſt day of September, elected by Ballot Mr. Peter Cochran to fill the vacancy, which will then take place. — Adjourned.

At a meeting of the School Committee December 4th 1801. Tueſday —
Preſent Meſs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Tilestone, Hunnewell, Dawes, Emerſon, Eckley, Welsh, Smith, Green, Gray, Wells, Kirkland. 14.

Voted That the ſemiannual viſitation of the Schools be on Friday the 8th day of January next at 9 o'Clock A.M. That the North Schools be firſt viſited, that the Secretary be requeſted to notify the maſters of this Vote and alſo the members of this Committee of the time and place of meeting previous to the viſitation.

Voted That Col Dawes and Dr. Welſh be a Committee to apply to the Brigadier General, to requeſt that the maſters of the public ſchools may be excuſed from the performance of military duty, and in caſe he cannot comply with this requeſt, that the ſame Committee conſider what meaſures can be adopted for the relief of the maſters and to report at the next meeting.

Voted That the Chairman of each SubCommittee be requested to visit the schools, with his Committee, as soon as may be, to enquire particularly into the State of the schools, what books are used therein and whether the practice of daily prayer, at morning & evening be observed by the masters, and in case of neglect to enjoin this duty upon them.
Voted. That the Secretary furnish each chairman with a copy of the above vote — Adjourned to Friday the 8th January 9 o'Clock, A.M. to meet at Faneuil Hall.

At a meeting of the School Committee at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 29th of January 1802.

Present Mess. Bulfinch, Porter, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Oliver, Dawes, Eckley, Kirkland, Smith, Emerson, & Welles. 12.

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of exempting the masters & ushers from military duty, reported that, in their opinion it was not expedient to do anything in relation thereto.

Voted That the Committee appointed to draft rules and regulations for the future government of the schools, report how far the present regulations of the schools, are at variance with the military Law of the Commonwealth, and what amendments are necessary to be adopted. Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, at Faneuil-Hall on Friday the 26th of March 1802. —

Present.

Messrs Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Tileston, Oliver, Porter Hunnewell, Howard, Dexter, Welsh, Revd Mr. Eckley Revd Mr. Emerson, Welles, Smith, Gray, & Quincy. 16.

The Vote of the Town was read, appointing the Gentlemen who were of the Committee the last year, the School Committee for the Year ensuing. —

A Letter from the Revd Dr West was read, resigning his seat in the Committee. —

Voted, That the Committee proceed to the choice of a Secretary & Treasurer, & the Votes being collected & sorted, it appeared that the Revd. William Emerson was unanimously chosen. ——

Voted, That the Committee be subdivided for the monthly visitations, as follows — viz.t ——

1st Messrs. Bulfinch - Howard - Sherburne - Eckley - Smith - & Gray. — to visit the

South Schools	in	March, April & May
Latin	"	June, July & August
North	"	Septr. Octo. & Novr.
Centre	"	Decr. Jany. & Febry. —

2d. Messrs. Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Emerson & Welsh, to visit the Latin School in March, April & May.

North	"	June, July & Augt.
Centre	"	Septr. Octo. & Novr.
South	"	Decr. Jany. & Febry. —

3d. Messrs. Sturgis, Tileston, Welles, Greene & Popkin. to visit the North Schools in March, April & May.

Centre	"	June, July & Augt.
South	"	Septr. Octo. & Novr.
Latin	"	Decr. Jany. & Febry. —

4th. Messrs. Tilden, Dawes, Dexter, Kirkland & Quincy. to visit the Centre Schools in March, April & May

South	"	June, July & Augt.
Latin	"	Sept. Octo. & Novr.
North	"	Decr. Jany. & Febry. —

Voted, That the Secretary be desired to notify in writing, the Chairman of each sub-committee, with the arrangement for the Year. —

Voted, That the several Masters & Ushers of the public Schools be continued in office the present year, on their conducting themselves to general satisfaction. —

Voted, That the salary of the several Masters be, at, and after the rate of Six Hundred & sixty six dollars & sixty six cents, — & the several Ushers Three Hundred & Thirty three dollars & thirty three cents, ꝑ Ann. — so long as they continue in the service of the Town, during the year which expires in March next. —

Voted, That the salary of the Assistant Master of the Latin school, for the ensuing Year be Six Hundred dollars. —

Voted, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars, be granted to each of the Masters of the public schools, to be paid them in proportion for the time they may have been in the service of the Town, from the first day of September last, to the first day of March curr.t — And also that the sum of Fifty Dollars, be granted to each of the several Ushers, for the time abovementioned, & in the like Proportion. —

Voted, That the Selectmen be desired to draw on the Town Treasurer, for the above grants, — & that the Secretary be requested to furnish the Town Clerk with a copy of the above Vote. —

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the School Committee, Apr. 30. 1802, were present Messrs. Bulfinch, Greene, Kirkland, Porter, Eckley, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Welsh, Emerson, Welles, Sturgiss, and Smith.

The Chairman informed the Committee, that, at a meeting of the Town, Apr. 25. the rev. J. S. Popkin was chosen a member of the

School Committee vice Rev. Dr. West resigned. Mr. Hopkin was accordingly placed on the third Subcommittee for the monthly visitation of the schools.

Voted. That twentyone medals be distributed among certain scholars of the several schools on the approaching annual visitation; and that the secretary procure eighteen, there being three already on hand, as soon as may be convenient.

Voted. That Mr. Welles be requested to apply to Thomas & Andrews for the purpose of obtaining, of the latest and best edition, the books, which they annually owe to the School Committee; and that six volumes be delivered to the chairman of each subcommittee.

Voted That Meſsrs. Greene, Dexter, Kirkland, Hopkin, and Emerson be appointed a committee to revise the regulations of the schools; to inquire, if any, and what, alterations may be expedient in the grammars and books in use; ~~and~~ to recommend a suitable time for the annual visitation; and to devise, if poſsible, some mode of exempting the masters from a rigid observance of the military laws. Adjourned.

June 4, 1802. At a meeting of the School Committee, this day holden, were present Meſsrs. Bulfinch, Dexter, Emerson, Tileston, Sturgiſs, Howard, Welles, Greene, Olivier, and Sherburne.

A report of the Committee, chosen to revise and alter the School regulations, was read and accepted.

The same Committee was chosen to cause to be printed two hundred copies of the new regulations.

David Curtis, jun. was unanimously chosen an usher to Master Bullard in the South Reading School.

The meeting was adjourned.

July 2, 1802. At a meeting of the School Committee, were present 11 members. No buſineſs done. Adjourned.

Aug. 6. 1802. At a meeting of the School Committee were present Messrs. Tileston, Eckley, Quincy, Sturgiss, Oliver, Greene, Welsh, Emerson, Balfinch, Popkin, Dawes, and Kirkland.

A petition from several of the schoolmasters was read, praying the attention of the Committee to the burden they sustain by means of the militia laws of the Commonwealth, and the interposition of the Committee in their favour. After much conversation was had on the subject, it was

Voted, that the chairman of this Board be requested to apply to the representatives of the Town, and solicit their influence in the General Court towards the passing of a Law, which shall exempt the stated schoolmasters of this Town from the performance of military duty.

The report of the Committee to revise the regulations &c. was then read, and after some alterations it was

Voted to adopt it.

Voted, to attend the annual visitation of the schools on Wednesday next, reversing the order of beginning the examination the last year. That is to say, we begin the visitation, this year, at the ~~North~~ South Reading School.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sep. 29. 1802. At a meeting of the Schoolcommittee were present messrs. Sturgiss, Howard, Tilden, Eckley, Balfinch, Porter, Oliver, Emerson, Greene, Hunnewel, and Welles.

Voted, that the sum of one hundred dollars be

granted to each of the masters of the publick schools to be paid them in proportion to the time, in which they may have been in the service of the town, from the first day of March last, to the first day of September current; and that the sum, likewise, of fifty dollars be granted to each of the several ushers, for the time abovementioned, and in the like proportion:

Voted, that the alteration lately made in the time of beginning and ending the schools be annulled, and that from the third Monday in October ensuing, and henceforth, the schools shall be opened and closed, as upon the establishment, which has been in operation for several years past.

Oct. 29. 1802. A meeting of the schoolcommittee was this day notified; but there not being a quorum of members, no business was done.

Dec. 3. 1802. At a meeting this day had, were present Messrs. Bulfinch, Dawes, Eckley, Welles, Oliver, Howard, Tilden, Tileston, Welsh, Sturgiss, and Emerson.

Voted, that the semiannual visitation of the schools be on Friday, the 7. day of January next at 9 o'clock.

Voted, to begin the visitation at Mr. Webbs schoolhouse.

Voted, unanimously, that Moses H. Bradley be an usher of the South School. Meeting dissolved.

Feb. 25. 1803. At a meeting of the School Committee were present Messrs. Welles, Welsh, Dawes, Oliver, Sturgiss, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Sherburne, Bulfinch, and Emerson.

Two or three notes from Master Snelling on the subject of exemption from military duty were read by the Chairman. After some conversation on this affair, it was

Voted. That those masters, who are not legally exempted from the performance of military duty, be excused from keeping school on such days, as are appropriated to the inspection or exercise of arms.

Voted. That the amount of three fines incurred by Mr. Snelling since Jan. 1802, be remitted to him by the Schoolcommittee in consequence of his adherence to its regulations, whilst legally summoned to an attendance on military duty.

A meeting of the School Committee was holden, at Faneuil Hall, March 18, 1803.

Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Dawes, Porter, Tilden, Kirkland, Eckley, Eliston, Welles, Welsh, Sturgis, Hunnewell, Phillips, and Emerson, and Gray. - - - - - - - - - - 14.

Charles Bulfinch, Esq. read the vote of the Town, which appointed the gentlemen, who were of the Committee last year, the Committee this year, excepting the choice of John Phillips, Esq. in the room of the Rev. J. S. Popkin, removed from Town.

Voted. That, the Committee proceed to the choice of a Secretary and Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted and chose William Emerson to the office of Secretary and of Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Voted. That Col. Welles and Mr. Emerson be a Committee for subdividing the School Committee for the monthly visitations.

The subdividing Committee report, that

1. Messrs. Bulfinch, Howard, Dawes, Hunnewell, & Smith be a Committee for visiting the

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South Schools in March, April, & May;
Latin - - - - - - - - - June, July, and August;
North - - - - - - - - - September, October, & November;
Centre - - - - - - - - December, January, & February.

2. Messrs. Tilden, Oliver, Welsh, Kirkland, Gray, & Quincy, be a Committee for visiting the
Latin school in March, April, and May;
North - - - - - - - - - June, July, and August;
Centre - - - - - - - September, October, & November;
South - - - - - - - December, January, & February.

3. Messrs. Sturgiss, Dexter, Emerson, Welles, & Philips, be a committee for visiting the
North Schools in March, April, and May;
Centre - - - - - - - - - June, July, and August;
South - - - - - - - September, October, and November;
Latin - - - - - - - December, January, & February.

4. Messrs. Porter, Sherburne, Gilestone, Eckley, and Greene, be a Committee for visiting the
Centre Schools in March, April, and May;
South - - - - - - - - June, July, and August,
Latin - - - - - - - September, October, & November.
North - - - - - - - December, January, & February.

Voted That the Secretary be requested to notify in writing the arrangement for the year to the chairman of each subcommittee.

Voted. That the several Masters and Ushers of the publick Schools be continued in office the present year, their conduct being agreeable to the Committee.

Voted. That the salary, and the grants, to the several masters and ushers of the publick schools be the same for the present, as they have been the past year.

Voted That the Selectmen be desired to draw on the Town treasurer for the said salary and grants, and that the Secretary furnish the Town Clerk with a copy of the above vote.

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The ~~most~~ attention of the Committee was then called to the subject of a petition from a number of the Inhabitants of West Boston for a new publick school, which, by vote of the Town, at its late meeting, was referred to their consideration. Having considered the subject of the abovementioned Petition, the School Committee beg leave to report,

That they have long deemed such an establishment desirable, and have been deterred from proposing the same to the Town, only from the consideration of expense. They now however embrace the present occasion for unanimously recommending to the Town, that a Reading and Writing School should be established in some convenient place at West Boston, so situated, however, as that it shall, at the same time, accommodate those, who are near the centre of the Town.

The meeting was then adjourned.

1803. Mar. 25.

At a meeting of the School Committee this day holden, it was

Voted, that the Committee some time since chosen, consisting of Messrs. Greene, Dexter, Kirkland, and Emerson, for preparing a new edition of the School Regulations, be requested to attend to their duty.

1803 Apr. 29. Several gentlemen of the Committee met; but not enow to make a quorum.

Apr. 30. The school Committee met. Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Tilden, Phillips, Gray, Dexter, Dawes, Tileston, Welsh, Greene, Kirkland, Eckley, Smith, Emerson, and Welles, 15.

The subject of deliberation was the propriety of purchasing a piece of land, whereon to build a new Schoolhouse.

Voted to raise a committee to conclude a bargain with Mr. Lyman for a piece of land for the abovementioned purpose.

Voted, that Col. Dawes, C. Bulfinch Esq. & Dr. Dexter constitute said committee.

Voted, that the abovenamed committee be instructed to obtain the land and a building which it contains of Mr. Lyman for a sum not exceeding $4000.

1803 May 16. At a meeting of the School Committee were present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell, Porter, Tilestone, Wright, May, Chapman, Dexter, Greene, Eckley, Lowney, Kirkland, & Welles.

The committee appointed to purchase a ~~sit~~ plat for the situation of a new schoolhouse, reported, that they had purchased the same of Mr. Lyman for four thousand and seventyfive dollars. The terms of payment are as follow: 10 pr. Cent. to be paid in 30 days; 20 pr. Cent. in 90 days; the remainder in one and two years. Whereupon it was

Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to make pay-

ment according to the conditions of sale, and take a deed in the name of the town.

Voted, That the Chairman, Col. Dawes, Messrs. Hunnewell, Wright, and Greene be a committee the building, now standing on the land purchased of Mr. Lyman, to be taken down; and a suitable school house to be erected in the same place, on the best terms, and in the shortest time possible.

D. Tilden, Esq. presented a report of the doings of the Visiting Committee of the Latin School, respecting an application of Mr. Hunt for advice upon the conduct, which he should observe towards one of his pupils, Hall Blagge.

Voted. to accept the report and approve the doings of the sub committee.

Voted. That the Secretary procure eighteen medals to be stricken as soon, as may be convenient, for distribution, on the ensuing annual ~~vi~~ visitation, in the Reading & Writing Schools.

1809. June 24. The School Committee met in Faneuil Hall. where were present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Tileston, Dawes, Wright, Dexter, Welsh, Hunnewel, Kirkland, and Emerson.

By some conversation, which was had, it was learned, that some of the petitioners for the New School at West Boston were not perfectly satisfied with the proposed situation. Whereupon, it was moved &

Voted. That the committee for building the School-house be requested to confer with gentlemen living in West Boston upon the subject; and if

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a situation can be found, which shall better suit the general convenience, than the one already purchased, it is the opinion of the Board, that measures should be taken for a new arrangement.

Voted. That, in consequence of the change, which has happened in the Board of Selectmen, since the election of the School committee in March last, the Secretary and Drs. Dexter and Kirkland be a committee to modify the subdivision of the Committee for monthly visitations; and that the Secretary inform the chairman of each subdivision of the new arrangements.

The visiting committees are composed at present, after the following manner. 1. Messrs. Bulfinch, Dawes, Smith, Gray, May, & Chapman. 2. Messrs. Tilden, Oliver, Welsh, Kirkland, & Quincy. 3. Messrs. Tilestone, Dexter, Emerson, Phillips, & Wright. 4. Messrs. Porter, Eckley, Greene, Hunnewell, and Welles.

July 27. 1803.

At a meeting, this day held at Faneuil Hall were present Messrs. Bulfinch, Smith, Oliver, Welles, Eckley, Porter, Wright, Welsh, Tilestone, Emerson, May, and Chapman. 12.

The Committee appointed last meeting to confer with the petitioners for West Boston School report

That they have met a number of said petitioners, and, on conversing with, and stating to, them the reasons of electing the plat in Hawkins Street for the scite of the New School, all the petitioners present at the conferences expressed their satisfaction with the measures and determina-

tion of the School Committee relative to this subject.

Voted, that the annual visitation of the Schools, this year, be attended on Wednesday, the 24, of August next.

Voted to begin the visitation 1. at the North Reading School. 2. ~~South Reading do. 3 South Writing do~~ North writing do. 3. South Reading. 4. South writing do. 5. Centre Reading do. 6. Centre Writing do. 7. Latin.

Nov. 25. 1803. At a meeting of the School Committee were present the Chairman and Messrs. Porter, Tilestone, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Dawes, Dexter, Smith, Welsh, Eckley, Gray, Phillips, Kirkland, and Greene.

Voted. Voted, that the semiannual visitation of the Schools be on the second Tuesday of February next, and that it commence at the North Writing School, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Voted. That the Secretary solicit by advertizement in the publick papers ~~for~~ applications for the offices of Reading Master and Writing Master in the School, which is to be opened in Hawkins Street on the first of March next. The applications may be made either to C. Bulfinch, Esq. chairman of the Selectmen, or to the Secretary on or before the second Tuesday of February.

Voted That the Committee appointed to revise and prepare the regulations for the schools, that they may be printed, be requested to make report by the next meeting of the Committee.

Voted That the visiting Committee of the Centre School be requested to inform Master Haskell,

1803. Nov. 23. that it is expected, he will confine his instructions to those branches, which are prescribed by the regulations of the Schools.

1804 Feb. 14. This day being the day appointed for the semiannual visitation of the Schools, a number of the Committee appeared at the North Writing School agreeably to appointment. Examination was had. The School, consisting of two hundred & eighty-five boys, did credit to the Masters in general, though their accuracy in reading and their proficiency in writing were not remarkable. Next in order were inspected the South Schools, which certainly reflected honour on the teachers, by the good reading of the boys in general, their knowledge of Grammar, and the excellence of their penmanship. The number here was 256. The Centre Schools afterwards were visited, which consisted of 245 scholars. They read and spelt well, and discovered a good acquaintance with the rules of arithmetik. If any deficiency appeared here, it was in writing. Lastly, the Latin School was examined which appeared to advantage.

The Committee after dining together at ~~Concert Hall~~ Vila's, proceeded to inspect the applications, which had been made for the masterships of the Hawkins Street School,

and to the business of election. The gentlemen present at this duty were Messrs. Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Wright, Oliver, May, Chapman, Eckley, Kirkland Phillips, Dexter, Welsh, Smith, and Gray.

Applications for the Writing Master's office were presented from William Moody, Abner Gardner, Nathaniel Thwing, Benjamin Holt, and Paul Phillips. The applications for the place of Reading Master were from William Moody, Horatio Bean, Nathanael Lord, Cyrus Perkins, and Nathan Bond. Voted to proceed to the choice of a Reading Master by ballot. The votes were brought in, and Mr. Cyrus Perkins was chosen. The Committee then ballotted for a Writing Master, and Mr. Benjamin Holt was chosen.

Voted That the opening of the School in Hawkins Street be postponed until the summer arrangement of the Schools in April.

Voted. That the Secretary be requested to inform the gentlemen chosen of their election, and also of the abovementioned postponement.

1804
March 28. At a meeting of the School-Committee March 28 1804-

The vote of the Town was read appointing the School Committee for the ensuing year; which consists of the same members, as composed the Board the last year.

Present

Messr's Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, Tileston, Wright, May, Chapman, Hunewell, Welsh, Wells, Dexter, Emerson, Phillips

Voted that Revd. Mr. Emerson officiate as Secretary at this meeting.-

Voted & chose Revd. J. T. Kirkland Secretary for the present year.

Voted That the Committee be subdivided for the monthly visitations as follows viz-

1st. Messrs Bulfinch, Wright, Smith, Gray & Welles to visit
South Schools - in March & April
Latin - May & June
North - July & Septr.-
Centre - Octr. & Novr.-
West - Decr. & Jany.

2. Messr's Tilden, Dawes, Welsh & Kirkland
to visit Latin School - in March & April
North " " May & June
Centre - July & Augt. Septr.-
West " - Octr. & Novr.-
South - Decr. & Jany

3.^d Meſs^rs Porter, Chapman, Emerson, Dexter — to visit

The North School — — in March & April
Centre — — May & June
West — — July & Sept^r
South — — Oct^r & Nov^r
Latin — — Dec^r & Jan^y

4. Meſs^rs Tileston, Hunewell, Greene & Phillips to visit
Centre School — in March & April
West — — May & June
South — July & Sept^r
Latin Oct^r & Nov^r
North — — Dec^r & Jan^y

5. Meſs^rs Oliver, May, Eckley & Quincy — to visit
West School — in March & April
South May & June
Latin July & Sept^r
North Oct^r & Nov^r
Centre ~~for~~ — Dec^r & Jan^y —

At a meeting of the School-Committee July 20. 1804
Present, Chairman, Meſs^rs Emerson, Kirkland, Phillips^l
Smith, Oliver, Wright, Tileston, Gray

Voted That the annual visitation of the Schools this year be attended on friday 17th Aug^t - 1804 —

Voted That the Schools be visited in the following order
1. South Reading School 2. South Writing - 3. North Reading. 4. North Writing 5. West reading 6. West Writing 7. ~~West~~ Centre Reading 8. ~~West~~ Centre Writing — 9. Latin School

Voted, That the Secretary give notice to the several Masters of the time & order of visitation, & of the time allowed to each Master - & that the Masters are requested to confer together on the pieces to be read that there may be a variety

Voted - That thirty minutes will be given to the exhibition of each Writing Master - forty to that of each Reading Master & fifty to that of the Latin School.

Voted, That the Committee be notified to meet at the South School House at half past seven on the morning of the 17th & that the examination begin precisely at eight.

Augt. 17. 1804. The Schools were visited in conformity to the preceding vote - The numbers at each School - were at -

At a special meeting of the School Committee at Faneuil Hall
Monday 24. Septr. 1804
Present, Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Wight, Gray, May, Porter, Tileston, Dawes Greene, Smith, Welsh, Dexter & Welles

The Chairman having stated that vacancies in the usherships of several schools were to be filled - ~~He~~ mentioned the candidates & read their recommendations.

M^r. John Fessenden was unanimously chosen Usher to the Centre Writing school.

The applicants for the Centre & South Reading schools not being sufficiently recommended, the election of Ushers for for these schools was postponed. -

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~~Octr. 1 - At a meeting of the School Committee holden at Faneuil Hall - present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, [illegible] Welsh, Hunnewell, Wright, Tilden, Greene, Smith, Dexter, Dawes, Eckley, Emerson~~

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A letter from Mr. William Wells jr ~~stating~~ his resignation of the office of Assistant Master to the Latin Grammar School was read

Whereupon Voted That Mr. Wells be requested to remain in the School till the Committee shall be able to supply his place

Voted, That Messrs. Greene, Dexter & Emerson be a Committee to consider what measures should be pursued respecting the Latin Grammar School & report at the adjournment.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be granted in addition to their salaries to each of the Masters of the publick Schools, to be paid them in proportion to the time, in which they may have been in the service of the town, from the first day of March last to the first day of Septr. current; - & that ~~fifty~~ fifty dollars be granted to each of the several Ushers for the time abovementioned & in the same proportion. -

Application from the several Masters was received requesting an increase of salary for reasons set forth in their petition. A general conversation took place upon the subject which was referred for further consideration -

Adjourned to Monday the 1st of October next at 4. P. M.

1804

Octr. 1. The School-Committee met according to adjournment

Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, Tileston, Hunewell Tilden, Welsh, Greene, Smith, Dexter, Dawes, Eckley, Emerson

Mr. Chairman represented that the design of the Meeting was to hear the report of a Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider & report the proper measures to be taken respecting the Latin Grammar School. —

The Committee made report as follows —

Your Committee have attended to the business assigned them respecting the Latin School — & beg leave to report as their opinion

That nothing can meliorate the condition of the Latin School & place it on such a respectable establishment, as the Town of Boston ought to expect support whilst Mr. Hunt is its Master, or is in any way connected with its government & tuition. They therefore recommend that measures be taken for the removal of Mr. Hunt, & that he be informed of this Determination of the School Committee

At the same time your Committee recommend that in consideration of the length of time, in which Mr. Hunt has in this way been employed by the town, & his advanced age, & increasing infirmities, the School Committee shall continue him in his present office until he shall have opportunity to make application to the town for an annual stipend, or until the School Committee shall have adopted some measure by which the justice of this report in regard to the town shall be tempered with compassion to the situation of Mr. Hunt — all which is respectfully submitted. Signed pr order David Greene.

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Octr. 1. After much debate it was moved & seconded that the report of the Committee be accepted, the vote to be taken by ballot whereupon the vote was taken & all the votes were in favour of accepting the report —

Voted, That Mr. Hunt be furnished with the substance of the foregoing report & be informed that the School Committee will meet on the last friday of this month. —

Octr. 26 - The School Committee met by special meeting. —

Present Messrs Bulfinch, Tileston, May, Wright, Hunewell, Dawes, Tilden, Gray, Greene, Eckley, Phillips, Quincy, Dexter, Welsh, Welles —

The subject occasioning the present meeting was the present state of the Latin School, & deciding on measures necessary to be taken in order to place it on a firmer & more respectable footing. —

Mr. Hunt appeared before the Committee & gave in a statement of his claims & of his objections to the proceedings of the Committee as follows, Boston Octr. 26. 1804

"Gentlemen",

" That the Latin Grammar School in this town is not on such
" a respectable establishment as the town of Boston ought to support,
" has been for a long time my opinion, & I am happy that the Committee
" are fully sensible of it, hoping that it may be the means of its regain-
" ing the rank it ought to hold in society & ever will, when ancient
" learning is duly appreciated. But how or in what respect is
" Mr. Hunt an obstacle to the melioration of its condition? Wherein
" is he deficient either in the mode of his government or the manner of
his tuition? Is it not possible that you have imbibed an erro-
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neous opinion of Mr. Hunts abilities to teach & to govern.?

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Oct 1. Does not forty years experience rather increase than diminish his respectability? Has he not given full proof of his ability to teach, when he has been lately called upon to make use of Latin & Greek authors, not formerly read in our schools? Does not the extraordinary success he has met with in the discharge of one of the most arduous duties, assigned to man, give him reason to hope for countenance & support? Does not his long, his zealous alas! too zealous service, demand your solemn, your serious & deliberate attention?

Will not a young, a numerous, a rising family, whose dependence is upon the daily exertions of their Father, ever be a powerful stimulus upon his unremitted attention to duty? Will you not pause a moment before you deprive him of his usefulness, by destroying the confidence of the public in his talents? — Is it not possible, that you should doubt, whether the step, you are contemplating, will not eventually prove injurious to the cause you mean to serve? These questions are humbly submitted, feeling confidence in their meeting your candid consideration, & your affording me all that aid & support, which will by your influence, secure my future usefulness & respectability. — I am Gentlemen &c

Samuel Hunt.

The Committee having taken the subject into consideration — voted That Messrs Bulfinch, Quincy &

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Oct. 26. & Gray be a Committee to consider the subject of the Latin School & the situation of Master Hunt at large & report specially what in their opinion ought to be done by the School Committee & the manner of proceeding. —

At a meeting of the School-Committee at Faneuil Hall Dec. 14. 1804 _

Present, Messrs Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Porter, Chapman, Greene, Welsh, Smith, Eckley, Dexter, Gray, Emerson, Dawes, Kirkland.

The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the state of the Latin School reported as follows —

The Sub-committee who were appointed to consult & report upon the subject of the Latin School have attended that service - & have not been able to devise any more efficacious or eligible mode to enable the School-Committee to fulfill its duty to the town, resulting from their unanimous opinion expressed in their vote of Octr. last touching the state of the Latin School & its Master, than to attempt a voluntary subscription of individuals, thereby to raise such a sum for the use of Mr. Hunt as might be at least a partial provision for his future support in consideration of his age, past services & numerous family, That for this purpose, they have with the assistance of the other members of the Committee, already effected a subscription equal to four hundred & fifty dollars annually for five years from the

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Decr. 14. the first of January next & they have no doubt ~~that~~ by a further perseverance in the design, an addition of one hundred & fifty dollars may be made to the above sum, which in the opinion of the Subcommittee will place this body in a situation to do whatever it may deem its duty to the town, without any impeachment of its justice or humanity — By order of the Sub Committee Ch. Bulfinch,
Chairman

After consideration,
Voted to accept the foregoing report, & that the members of the Committee are requested to make such further exertion to effect the proposed subscription as may be necessary. —

~~Adjourned to Friday next 3. P.M.~~ —

Voted, That whenever the sum of six hundred dollars as mentioned in the report of the Sub-committee shall be subscribed, ~~that~~ the said Committee inform Mr. Hunt of the circumstance & recommend such steps to him as they may deem it adviseable for him to adopt — & that the sd. Committee make report of their proceedings at the adjournment.

Decr. 24. 1804. Monday — The School Committee met agreeably to adjournment — —
Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Porter, Chapman, Wright, Tilden, Dawes, Smith, Bixby, Dexter, Phillips, Gray, Greene, Welsh, Quincy, Kirkland, Emerson

The Subcommittee reported, as follows —
"The Sub-committee having effected the subscription equal 600. to six hundred dollars annually for five years, agreeably to

1804 Decr. 24. the vote of the School-Committee have notified Master Hunt of the measure, & had two separate conferences, in which they stated & enforced such sentiments, as they supposed this Committee would approve & exhort that Mr. Hunt requests an interview with the School-Committee this afternoon & will give his final answer on monday next pr. order Chs. Bulfinch —

Mr. Hunt appeared before the Committee, made observations & read a Memorial, stating his ideas of the causes of the present decayed state of the Latin-School, & the methods by which it be restored & improved consistently with his retaining his office & withdrew. After consideration & debate. —

Voted to adjourn to next wednesday week at 4. P.M when this Committee will decide ultimately upon the state of the Latin School —

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Present Messrs Bulfinch (Chairman) Messrs Porter Tilden, Wright, May, Porter, Thurswell, Chapman, Eleston, Welles, Welsh, Quincy, Kirkland, Dexter, Greene, Eckley, Phillips, Gray.—

Mr. Hunt appeared before the Committee, & said "that he could not at that time decide upon the course he should adopt in consequence of the facts made known to him by the sub Committee, & that he was not prepared to resign; not thinking it

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reconcileable with his duty or interest. - Mr. Hunt withdrew. -

After much discussion & reviewing all the proceedings of the Committee relating to the subject, the Committee passed the the following votes -

Whereas, in the opinion of the School-Committee, Mr. Samuel Hunt has so far lost his usefulness as a Master of the Latin School, that the School under his care fails of answering the purposes of its establishment - Therefore Voted

That it be recommended to Master Hunt to resign his office as Master of the Latin Grammar School & to declare his resignation on or before the sixteenth day of January next, as it is the intention of the Committee on that day to decide on the state of the Latin School. -

Voted, That Mr. Hunt be informed that the School-Committee have obtained from divers individuals the subscription of a sum equall to six hundred dollars annually for five years next ensuing to be applied to the benefit of him & his family upon his ceasing to hold his present office - further -

Voted, That the Committee in adopting this measure, do not mean to charge Mr. Hunt with a want of disposition to be useful & serviceable as an instructor, nor do they mean to fix any imputation upon his principles or character; but take this opportunity to declare their favorable opinion of his morals & private virtues & their sense of his right to a good consideration among his fellow

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fellow citizens -

Voted That Deacon Wright, Revd. Mr. Emerson & Revd. Dr. Eckley be a Committee to communicate these votes & proceedings to Mr. Hunt —

Jany 16th The School-Committee met at Faneuil Hall. —

Present, Messrs Bulfinch, Tilden, Wright, Hunewell, Porter, May, Tileston, Chapman, Eckley, Greene, Dexter, Welles, Welsh, Kirkland, Gray, Emerson.

Voted, That the semi-annual Visitation of the Schools be on the 2d tuesday 12th of February - to begin at the South Schools - South Writing School first at 9 o'clock A.M.

Voted That Mr. Hunt be informed that the School Committee will consider the office of Master of the Latin School, as vacant after the first of March 1805 & that the Secy. advertise for a Master, after one week

At a meeting of the School-Committee Feby 22. 1805

The Schools were visited agreeably to the vote of the 16. ult

The numbers at the Schools -

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Feby 22. The school Committee met —

Present, Messrs Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Chapman, Wright, Tileston, Dawes, Eckley, Quincy, Welles, Dexter, Welch, Phillips, Emerson, Gray, + Kirkland

The Committee proceeded to read applications for the office of Latin Gr. Master from —

Mr Ebenr. Pemberton, late preceptor Andover Academy

Mr. Thos Cole, of Marblehead Academy

Mr. Wm. Biglow of Salem & others — with documents accompanying their applications — after consideration —

Voted, That the subject of the choice of a master for the Latin Gr. School be postponed till the first monday in March.

Voted that the sub-committee of which the Chairman is Chairman be requested to employ a suitable person to take charge of the Latin School from the first day of March until the choice & introduction of a Master & to entrust in form the school to the said temporary Master. —

Voted that the semiannual grant of one hundred dollars to the Masters & of fifty to the ushers be made

March 4. — The School Committee met —

present Messrs Bulfinch, Tilden, Wright, Oliver

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March 4.

Porter, Chapman, May, Welsh, Dexter, Emerson, Welles
Col Dawes, Kirkland.—

The sub-committee appointed to place a temporary Master in the Latin School from the first of March reported that the school having been vacated by Mr Hunt, they have executed the duty assigned them & that the school is now in charge of Mr Samuel Cooper Thacher.

Voted that the choice of a Master be postponed till the next meeting of the Committee & that the advertise-ment for applications for the place be continued with an extension of the term till the next meeting

Applications of the Masters for a rise of salary was were received

Voted that the consideration of salaries be referred to the next meeting of the Committee & that the Secretary collect & state the proceedings relating to salaries in times past.

Voted, That the gentlemen procuring subscription for Mr Hunt be requested to communicate with the subscribers & obtain from them either the money subscribed or a promissory obligation for the sum annexed to their respective names—

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March 22. Vote of the town appointing the School Committee — consisting of the following gentlemen in addition to the Selectmen viz — Dr. Aaron Dexter, Wm Smith Esqr — Colo Arnold Welles, Edd Gray Esqr — Hon. T. Dawes, Dr Welsh, Revd Wm Emerson, — Revd — Dr Eckley, Revd — J. T. Kirkland David Greene Esqr. Hon. J. Phillips Hon. Jos. Quincy

Voted That the Committee be subdivided for visiting the schools in the manner of the foregoing year — & that Revd. John T. Kirkland be Secretary & treasurer for the year ensuing

The Subdivision of the Committee is as follows —

1. Messrs Bulfinch, Wright, Smith, Gray & Welles to visit

South Schools in	March & April
Latin	May & June
North — —	July & Septr.
Centre	Octr. & Novr.
West —	Decr. & Jany

2. Messrs Tilden, Dawes, Welsh & Kirkland

to visit Latin School —	in March & April
North —	May & June
Centre	July & Septr.
West	Octr. & Novr.
South —	Decr. & Jany

3. Messrs Porter, Chapman, Emerson & Dexter to visit

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March 22 - The North School in — March & April
Centre — May & June
West - July & Septr. -
South — Octr. & Novr.
Latin - Decr. & Jany.

4. Messrs Tilleston, Hunewell, Greene & Phillips to visit
Centre School in - March & April
West — May & June
South — July & Septr. -
Latin Octr. & Novr. -
North — Decr. & Jany.

5. Messrs Oliver, May, Eckley & Quincy to visit
West School in March & April
South May & June
Latin — July & Septr. -
North — Octr. & Novr. -
Centre Decr. & Jany.

Voted, That the subject of continuing the Masters & ushers in office & determining their salaries & grants be postponed to a meeting to be held this day fortnight -

Voted, That the Secretary advertise for applicants for

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March 22. for the office of Master of the Latin School -

At a meeting of the School Committee April 5. 1805

Present, Messrs Bulfinch, Ch. Porter, Oliver, Wright Tileston, Chapman, Eckley, Welles, Smith, Welsh, Green Kirkland

Voted That the salary of the Master of the Latin Grammar School be one thousand dollars for the present year.

Voted To proceed to the choice of a Master of the Latin Grammar School & Mr. William Biglow was chosen.

Voted, That ~~that~~ Secretary inform Mr. Biglow of his election & the salary voted by the Committee; requesting his answer & that in case of his acceptance, he acquaint the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of that School for the present month, that he may introduce Mr. Biglow to office.

Voted That Mr. Thacher be requested to continue in the School till the next meeting of the Committee

Voted, That the Selectmen be requested to consider what is

is expedient to be done respecting the Latin School House & report at the next meeting –

Voted That the Salaries of the Reading & Writing Masters be eight hundred dollars for the present year

May 17. Committee met. Present, Messrs Bulfinch, Wright, Oliver, Tileston, Smith, Heller, Phillips, Dexter, Kirkland. —
Voted That the Secy. prepare a report upon the regulations of the Schools, for next meeting.

June 14. The Committee met – present Messrs Oliver, Chapman, Tileston Kirkland – – no quorum – no business done. —

July 12. A sufficient number of the members did not attend to take up the Report of the Sub-Committee upon the general regulations of the Schools –

It was agreed that the annual Visitation should be on Friday the 16th day of August next & that the Schools be visited in the following order viz

1. North reading Schools – 2. North Writing Schools
3. West reading Schools 4. West Writing Schools
5. South reading Schools – 6 South Writing Schools
7. Centre reading 8. Centre Writing

9. Latin Grammar School –

The Secretary is desired to give notice to the several Masters of the time & order of visitation, & of the time allowed to each School & the Masters are requested to confer together on the pieces to be read, to secure variety & avoid repetition .. –

~~Voted That~~ Thirty Minutes to be allowed to each Writing Master
40. Forty minutes – to each Reading Master
50. Fifty Minutes to the Latin School

Voted That the Committee be notified to meet at the North School House at half past 7 in the morning of the 16th & that the examination begin precisely at eight o'clock

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Septr. 6 At a meeting of the School Committee at Mr. Quincy's buildings Septr. 6. 1805 — Present —

Mr. Bulfinch (Chairman) Messrs Tilden, Wright, Oliver, Vileston, Dawes, Smith, Gray, Kirkland, Emerson, Phillips —

Voted — That the Secretary be directed to take into his care the Copies of the Constitution & Washington's Farewell address to the inhabitants of the U.S. designed for this town, & to furnish each School Master with a sufficient number for the Senior Class in each School.

Voted, That Mr. Holt, Master of the West Writing School, having requested leave of absence for three months on account of the low state of his health, be indulged, he providing a substitute agreeable to the Visiting Committee.

Mr. Little presented the nomination of Mr. Moses Gill as Usher.

Voted, That acting upon said nomination be suspended till the next meeting & that the subject be committed to the Visiting Committee for the month.

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to consider the existing regulations of the Schools & the Report of the Committee last appointed upon the same subject & report upon the same at large, proposing such additions & alterations, as they may think best.

The same was accordingly revised and acted upon at subsequent meetings, and the Selectmen were requested to procure a number to be printed. —

At a meeting of the School Committee Jany. 3. 1806.
Present. Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Wright, Olvin, Hunnewell, Tileston, Welles, Dexter, Welsh & Kirkland.

Voted. That friday the 21. feby. next, be the day of semi-annual visitation of the schools, reversing the order of the last semiannual visitation; and that the Secretary give notice to the several masters. —

Voted. That Adams' abridgement of the summary history of New England be added to the list of books to be used by the masters at their discretion and the option of the parents. —

March 21. 1806. —

Agreeable to notification from the Chairman, a meeting was called, and the vote of the Town was read, by which it appeared that in addition to the Selectmen the following gentlemen had been chosen upon the School Committee for the ensuing year.

Hon Thomas Dawes.	Arnold Welles Esq:
Revd. Joseph Eckley	David Greene Esq:
Revd. John T Kirkland	Wm Smith Esq:
Revd. Wm Emerson	John Phillips Esq:
Dr. Aaron Dexter	John Heard junr. Esq:
Dr. Thomas Welsh	Charles Davis Esq:

the board came to the choice of a Treasurer & Secretary, the votes being taken, Charles Davis Esq: was declared to be unanimously chosen. —

Voted. That the several masters and ushers of the publick Schools be continued in office, the present year, they having given satisfaction to the Committee.

Drs. Dexter and Dr. Welsh, a Committee for subdividing the

School Committee for the monthly visitations, reported the following, which was accepted.

1st. Mess.rs Bulfinch, May, Smith, Kittle & Welles
to visit the South School in March & April
Latin Schools . . May & June
North . . do . . July & Septem.r
Centre . . do . . October & Novem.r
West . . do . . Decem.r & Jan.y

2d. Mess.rs Tilden, Dawes, Dexter, & Emerson
to visit the Latin School in March & April
North . . do . . . May & June
Centre . do . . July & Sep.r
West . . do . . October & Nov.r
South . . do . . Decem.r & Jan.y

3d. Mess.rs Porter, Hunnewell, Greene & Phillips
to visit . . the North schools in March & April
Centre . . do . . May & June
West . . do . . July & Sep.r
South . . do . . October & Nov.r
Latin . . do . . Decem.r & Jan.y

4th. Mess.rs Tileston, Wright, Eckley & Davis.
to visit . . the Centre Schools in March & April
West . . . do . in May & June
South . . do . in July & Sep.r
Latin . . do . . . October & Nov.r
North . . do . . . Decem.r & Jan.y

5th. Mess.rs Oliver, Kirkland, Welsh & Heard.
to visit the West Schools in . . March & April
South . . do . . . May & June
Latin . . do . . . July & Sep.r
North . . do . . . October & Nov.r
Centre . . . do . . . Decem.r & Jan.y

Voted. That the Secretary be requested to notify in writing the arrangement for the year to the Chairman of each sub Committee. —

Voted. That one hundred dollars be granted to each of the masters of the reading and writing schools, and to the master of the Latin grammar school for the last six months terminating on the 1st of March. — —

Voted. That Fifty dollars be granted to the Ushers of the reading, writing and Latin school for the six months terminating the first of March, and in that proportion for the time they have been in office.

Voted. That the Salary of the Usher of the Latin Grammar school be at the rate of Five hundred dollars ⅌ Annum.

Mr Daniel Bliss Ripley was elected usher of the Latin Grammar school; to be paid at the rate above specified, from the time of his entering upon the office. —

The printed regulations of the Schools were presented to, and examined by the members of the Comᵉ —

Voted. That the Chairman be requested to send a copy of the regulations to each of the Masters & Ushers. —

At a meeting of the School Committee at the Selectmens room in Mr Quincys building on Friday May 3rd 1806

The following gentlemen present. Viz. Messrs Bulfinch, Tileston, Tilden, Kettle, Welles, Dawes, Emmerson, Eckley, Welch Dexter, Heard & Davis.

A complaint in writing from Mr Caleb Loring respecting the conduct of Mr Ripley the Usher of the Latin Grammar School towards Mr L's son was communicated by the Chairman and read (the complaint is on file) whereupon after debate it was voted that the subject matter of said complaint be submitted to the sub committee for visiting the Latin School for the months of May & June, said committee to make enquiry into the matter and make report at the next meeting.

At a meeting of the Committee at the Selectmens room in Quincys building on Friday July 11th 1806. The following Gentlemen were present. Viz. Messrs Bulfinch, Dawes, Eckley, Thirkland, Dexter, Davis, Welles, Emmerson, Tileston, Kettle Heard, May and Greene.

The Committee to whom, at the last meeting, the complaint of Mr Caleb Loring was submitted, reported they had attended to the duty assigned them and were of opinion, that the conduct of Mr Ripley towards Master Loring was right and proper, and that the correction of Master Loring was not more severe than the good and wholesome discipline of the School required. Whereupon after debate and full consideration it was voted that the report of the sub commee be accepted.

Voted, that a Committee of three be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the ensuing annual visitation of the Schools. The following Gentlemen were chosen Messrs Bulfinch, Emmerson and Welles.

At a meeting of the School Committee July 18th the following Gentlemen were present. viz. Messrs Bulfinch Oliver, Kirkland, Phillips, Kettle, May, Dawes, Tileston Wright, Heard, Smith, Emmerson, Welch, Greene, Tilden, Welles & Davis.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to make arrangements for the annual visitation made the following report. "That the School Committee be divided into two parts for the purpose of visiting the North and South Schools at the same hour, and, that the division be as follows –

Messrs Bulfinch May Kettle Emmerson Smith Dexter Welch Welles Heard & Davis	To visit the North Schools	Messrs Tilden Porter Tileston Oliver Hunnewell Wright Dawes Eckley Kirkland Greene Phillips	To visit the South Schools

That the Secretary notify the above named Gentlemen to meet at the schools to which they are assigned at half past seven, and the exercises begin precisely at eight o'clock in the morning.

That forty five minutes be allowed to each School viz. 30 minutes to the reading master and 15 minutes to the writing master and, that no boy be allowed to exhibit more than 3 pieces of writing.

After visiting the north and south Schools, both divisions of the Committee shall then proceed to the West Schools, the exercises there to begin at 10 o'clock precisely. After which they shall proceed to the Centre Schools and close the visitation at the Latin School.

That the Secretary inform the masters of the arrangements relative to their respective schools and desire them to confer together for the selection of pieces to prevent unnecessary repetition.

That from the shortness of time to be allow-

(allowed to the examination, the master of the Centre writing school be desired to omit his usual questions in arithmetick.

Which report after having been read and taken into consideration was unanimously accepted.

~~August 15th The several schools were visited in conformity to the preceding vote. The numbers at each school were as follow~~

A complaint from Messrs Joshua Ellis, John Loring & Adam French against Mr Webb, the Usher of the North writing school for (as was alleged in the complaint) immoderately whipping their children was taken into consideration, together with the report of a committee to whom the matter had been committed, which report was, that Mr Webb had acted wisely and prudently in the business and that no just cause of complaint existed against him and after full investigation and debate the report was accepted.

It was then voted unanimously; That in case of obstinate resistance to the necessary regulations of the school; or gross misconduct of any youth; the master or usher having the care of the school at the time may order such refractory child to quit the school, and shall not receive such child into the school again until he shall have made proper concessions; & that the Secretary give a copy of the last vote to each Master

August 15th The several schools were visited in conformity to the vote above recorded. The numbers at each school were as follow

Octo^r 24th The Committee met pursuant to notification at the Selectmens room in Faneuil Hall, present Messrs Bulfinch, Kirkland, May, Oliver, Kettle, Wright, Tilden Davis

An application from the ushers of the several schools was read as follows—

To the Honourable Selectmen and School Committee of the Town of Boston.

Gentlemen! We the assistants of the several schools in said town, humbly pray your attention in behalf of us (as our task is great and our compensation small) that your honours would make some pecuniary consideration in our behalf, as it is impossible for us to subsist with so small a compensation as we now receive for our labour and attention and appear with respectability. Signed Math^w Bridges in behalf of the several assistants in the several schools in Boston—

Whereupon it was voted, that one hundred dollars be granted to each master of the reading, writing and Latin Grammar School for the six months terminating the first day of September last.
and that fifty dollars be granted to each usher for the six months terminating the first day of Septr last

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Jan 12th At a meeting of the School Committee this day.
Present Messrs Bulfinch, Tuxion, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Little, Smith, Greene, Kirkland, Emmerson, Welch, Heard, Dexter & Davis — 15.

An application from a Committee of the West Boston Religious Society for permission to use the West Boston School House in Hawkins street for the singers of said Society to meet in during the present ~~S~~ winter was laid before the Committee.

It was moved that the application be granted. But after full debate and mature consideration were had the motion passed in the negative by a large majority.

An application from a Committee in behalf of the trustees of the fund for building the third Baptist Meeting house in Boston for the use of a room in Hawkins street School house for the accommodation of young persons desirous of qualifying themselves to become singers for said Meeting house was also read and laid before the Committee. It was moved that the application be granted. But after full debate and mature consideration were had it passed in the negative by a large majority.

It was then moved that all the religious Societies which have been heretofore indulged with the use of the School rooms for singing be informed that after the month of April next any further indulgence of that nature will be denied them. Which passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Upon application from the several Ushers of the reading and writing Schools it was voted, that the Salary of the Ushers be in all cases equal to half the Salary of the Masters i.e. Four hundred dollars P^r annum to commence from the day of last and to apply to those Ushers who were then in Office and have continued in Office untill this time" And the same is to be the Salary

of all the Ushers who may hereafter be appointed and come into office, untill otherwise agreed upon and ordered by the Committee.

On motion of Doctor Dexter it was voted that each sub committee be enjoined to examine strictly into the state of each school and make report at the Semi Annual meeting in February, and that the Secretary be requested to send a copy of this vote to the Chairman of each sub Committee.

The Semi annual visitation was made on Friday the 20th February beginning at the North Schools. The Committee at this visitation were more than ordinarily pleased with the ~~appearance~~ proficiency of the Scholars. The number of boys at each school was ascertained to be as follows.

1807 At meeting of the School Committee was holden at the Selectmens room Faneuil Hall. March 12th 1807 present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Tilden, Kettle Smith, Heard, Eckley, Dawes, Kirkland, Greene, Welch Dexter and Davis—

Charles Bulfinch Esqr. Chairman of the Honl. board of Selectmen read a vote of the town passed the 9th inst by which it appeared that the following gentlemen with and in addition to the selectmen were chosen to compose the school committee for the year ensuing Viz: the Honl Thomas Dawes. the Revd William Emmerson. Coll. Arnold Welles, the Revd Doctor Eckley, the Revd Doctor Kirkland, David Greene Esqr the Honl John Phillips, John Heard Junr Esqr. Doctor Aaron Dexter, Doctor Thomas Welch, the Honl William Smith and Charles Davis Esqr. the Selectmen chosen by the town on the 9th inst for the ensuing year were Charles Bulfinch Esqr Coll. John May, Deacon Joseph Kettle, Jonathan Hunnewell Esqr. Ebenr Oliver Esqr. William Porter, Capitain Jonathan Chapman Deacon Francis Wright & the Honl David Tilden Esquire.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of a Secretary and treasurer for the year ensuing, upon counting the ballots it appeared, that Charles Davis was chosen to be Secretary and Treasurer.

Voted, that Doctor Welch, Doctor Dexter and the Revd Mr Emerson be a Committee to divide the School Committee into sub-committies for the visitation of the Schools monthly. Which committee made the following report which was read and accepted.

Arrangement of the School Committee for 1807 — 08 —

Messrs. Bulfinch, May, Kettle, Smith & Welles	To visit the South Schools in	March & April
	Latin	May & June
	North	July & Septr
	Centre	Octo. & Novr
	West	Decemr & Jany

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Messrs. Tilden John Davis (chosen, vice Dawes resigned) Dexter Emerson	To visit the Latin ſchool in North do. Centre West South	March & April May & June July & Septr. Octor. & Novr. Decem. & Jany.
Messrs. Porter Chapman Green Phillips	North in Centre West South Latin	March & April May & June July & Septr. Octor. & Novr. Decem. & Jany.
Messrs. Oliver Wright Eckley Ch. Davis	Centre West South Latin North	March & April May & June July & Septr. Octor. & Novr. Decem. & Jany.
Messrs. Hunnewell Kirkland Welch Heard	West South Latin North Centre	March & April May & June July & Septr. Octor. & Novr. Decr. & Jany.

Voted that the ſecretary be requested to notify the Chairman of each ſub committee of the times fixed upon for his committee to visit and be also requested to give to each individual of the School Committee a list of the names &c. of those composing the ſub committee to which the individual is attached &c.

Voted. That the ſeveral Masters and Ushers of the Schools be continued in Office for the present year, Provided, however, that they continue to conduct themselves to the ſatisfaction of the Committee.

Voted, That each ſub committee at its next visitation of the ſchools, be requested to inform the writing masters, that the ſchool committee desire and expect, that no single pieces be exhibited as ſpecimen of the ſcholars proficiency, except at the annual visitation, and then, that no ſcholar be permitted to exhibit more than two pieces, and those on paper, destitute of engraved ornaments, and, that on every visitation of the ſchool, the exhibition of the writing books be considered as indiſpensible.

March 12 } Upon its being represented to the Committee, that one, or more of the masters, neglected prayers at the opening of their schools it was moved and voted, that the Revd Doctors Eckley and Kirkland, and the Revd Mr Emerson be a committee to confer with the writing masters of the different schools and to enjoin on them the importance and necessity of their worshipping the Supreme being at the opening of the schools.

Voted - That grants be made to each Master of one hundred dollars, and of fifty dollars to each Usher for the six months ending the first day of

May 22nd At a meeting of the School Committee on Tuesday afternoon May 22nd 1807. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver Welch, Smith, Hunnewell, May, Chapman, Kettle, Head & C Davis.
Mr Bigelow Master of the Latin Grammar school presented the nomination of Mr William Smith junior as usher of that school.
It was ordered by the Committee, that the consideration of the nomination be postponed on account of Mr Smiths connexion with the University at Cambridge, he being a student there - the committee were informed, that Mr Smith would not be graduated untill the next commencement.

The Chairman laid before the Committee a petition of the inhabitants of South Boston which petition follows -

To the Honourable Selectmen of the town of Boston and School Committee The inhabitants of South Boston, humbly shew that for three years past, they have paid a tax to the amount of nearly one thousand dollars per annum to the said Town without any allowance for ~~the~~ schooling, or any other expences -

they have been at, ſince the annexation of this peninsula to the Metropolis, therefore they pray your honourable board to insert an article in your warrant for the next Town Meeting requesting the town to allow and pay a sum of money to our committee for the support of a womans ſchool, and the rent of a room for that purpose, for ſix months, also from the next tax a ſum of money sufficient to build a convenient ſchool house and the ſupport of a ſchool master for one year as in duty bound ſhall ever pray, Joseph Woodward, Abraham Gould, John Deluce - Comm.^ee in behalf of the inhabitants - dated South Boston April 30th 1807.

Upon consideration of the above petition the Committee were of opinion that there was no necessity of adopting any measures in the premises at present, and upon motion it was voted that the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely —

June 26th At a meeting of the School Committee Friday June 26th 1807, Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Smith, Kettle, May, Welch, Tilden, Wright, Greene, Willes, Davis, applications were made from the singing ſocieties of the Old South and the Third Baptist ſociety, the former for the use of the upper room in the Centre ſchool house, the latter for the use of a room in the West Boston School house for the purpose of singing &c. Whereupon the Committee taking into consideration the vote passed the ſecond of January last, and the impropriety of appropriating the school rooms to any particular singing ſociety exclusive of any other, and the impossibility of accomodating all, together with the embarrassment which the use of the school rooms by singing societies has hitherto caused to the masters and ſcholars it was voted unanimously that both the applications be rejected.

A communication from the Court of sessions was then laid before the Committee a copy of which follows.

The Honourable Court of General sessions for the County of Suffolk, having by their unanimous vote determined that it

1807 June 26 } it was expedient to take measures for the building a new Court House, with rooms for the uses of the Court and safe keeping of the publick records, proceeded on the 19th Feby 1807 to choose a committee to consider and report upon the most suitable place for such a building &c which Committee after having viewed all the vacant ground in the central parts of the Town, have reported, that the most suitable situation for a Court house, which would be honourable to the County, and form a permanent establishment for the Courts, publick offices and records would be on land, which belongs to the town of Boston and immediately joining upon the yard of the Centre school house; that this land, with what may be obtained in addition would be central; sufficiently retired from the publick streets; possessing the advantages of light and air, and might have passages leading to it from Court Street, School Street, Cornhill and Tremont Street. The Committee further reported, that this appropriation of the Towns land would make it necessary to remove the Centre School house, and provide another situation for it, and that the consent of the Town would ~~be~~ ~~make it~~ be necessary for this purpose. The Committee of the sessions having reported as above were directed to apply to the School Committee, to request them to take measures in conjunction with the Committee of the Sessions to investigate this subject; to consider whether the objects of the County and Town could be obtained in such a manner as would advantageous and honourable to both; and that the subject might have all the consideration, which its importance demands, to request a Special Committee for this purpose.

The above statement is respectfully handed to the School Committee by order of the Committee of the Sessions.

Dated June 26th 1807 Signed Charles Bulfinch Chairman.

Whereupon the Committee took the above communication into their consideration and were of opinion that the subject matter thereof could not properly be under their cognizance

without a vote of the Town referring it to them. } 1807 June 26th

The School Committee, therefore declined to act upon it and directed the Secretary to give a copy of their opinion &c. to the Chairman of the Committee of the Court of Sessions.

July 25th. At a meeting of the School Committee holden this day present Messrs Bulfinch, Heard, Welch, Dexter Jno Davis, Emerson, May, Wright, Welles, Phillips, Greene Kirkland & C Davis. it was voted that the annual visitation of the Schools be on Friday the 14th August next and that the Committee be divided into two Divisions one division to commence at the North Schools, the other division to commence at the South Schools both at 8 o'Clock in the morning. that the two divisions having visited the North & South Schools, proceed to the visitation of the West Schools. from thence to the Centre Schools & that the visitation close at the Latin School; that 30 minutes be allowed to each reading Master and 15 minutes to each writing master in the performances of the boys & the same times be allowed to each Master for the performances of the Girls. & that the Secretary notify the Masters of the day appointed for the visitation & of the times of commencing &c.

August 14th The Schools were visited this day pursuant to the vote of the 25th ultimo.

October 1st At a meeting holden Friday October 1st 1807 Present Messrs Bulfinch, Heard, Oliver, Greene, Welch Porter, Chapman, Eckley, Welles, Emerson, Kirkland & C Davis. it was suggested that Doctor Cyrus Perkins had expressed to some of the parents of the Children

1807 October 1st } under his care at the West reading school, that he intended ſoon to leave the charge of that school and that in consequence of ſuch report ſome persons had declined to ſend their Children to that School under an apprehension, that proper attention would not be paid to them. The ſchool committee taking into consideration the injurious effect ſuch a report might have, if unfounded, and, if well founded, that the Committee ought to be officially and regularly acquainted therewith, voted, that the Sub Committee for visiting the West Schools the present month be requested to enquire of Doctor Perkins on the ſubject and make report at the next meeting.

October 23rd At a meeting of the School Committee this day present Messrs Bulfinch, Eckley, Welch, May, Dexter Hunnewell, Emerſon, Tilden, Kettle, Wales, Smith & C Davis. It was moved and voted that one hundred dollars be granted to each Master and fifty dollars to each Usher for the ſix months ending the first day of September last.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to enquire of Doctor Perkins whether he had an intention of leaving the ſchool under his charge reported, that they had attended that ſervice & that Mr Perkins ſaid he had no ſuch intention and that the report was ill founded.

Upon its being represented to the Committee that Doctor Bullard and Doctor Perkins, Masters of the South and West reading schools were ſometimes absent from their respective ſchools in ſchool hours, upon professional calls, it was moved and voted that the Sub Committees for visiting the South and West Schools be enjoined to wait on both of those Masters immediately, and inform them, that the School Committee expect they will devote all their time to their respective ſchools during ſchool hours, and that any neglect in this particular cannot be overlooked. It was also moved and voted. That on no account or

pretence whatsoever shall any person other than the Master of the schools be permitted to use any of the school rooms for the purpose of keeping a private school, and that the Secretary furnish the Chairman of each sub committee with a copy of the preceeding vote.

An application in writing from the Society worshipping at the Old South, was laid before the Committee and read as follows. To the Honourable board of Selectmen & School Committee of Boston.

Gentlemen,

The subscribers being that part of the standing Committee of the South Society, that have the care of the Singing beg leave to request, the further indulgence of the use of the reading room of the Centre School house for the Singers to practice in on Sunday evenings, to which School a man will be appointed to attend (in order) to take care of the Candles and Fire if there should be any, and to put the room in good order after the Singers have retired, and the Committee will be there also and of course will see that he does his duty therein We beg leave to observe, that the town has had the use of the Societies land for more than twenty years to put their Engine house on, and twice a year, the meeting house is opened for the use of the Publick at our own expence and it is at this time requested that our Singers perform on the 4th July and as they have no place to practice in we hope you will grant the above request. Gentlemen your most humble servants signed Nehemiah Somes

Boston June 26. 1807 — Samuel Coverly
Abraham Wild

Whereupon after full debate it was moved and seconded that the vote, which was passed at the meeting of the Committee Jany 2nd 1807, by which the use of the School Rooms by the singing societies was prohibited, be reconsidered which passed in the negative by a large majority.

At this meeting Mr William Smith Junr having been on approbation more than three months was approved of, as an Usher to the Latin Grammar School under Mr Bigelow

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December 4th } At a meeting of the ſchool committee this day, present Messrs Bulfinch, John Davis, May, Hunnewell, ~~Chapman~~, Chapman, Welch, Dexter, Porter, Greene, Tilden, Emerson, & Th. Davis – (12) The state of the Latin grammar ſchool was taken into consideration, representations having been made by ſome of the committee respecting the laxity of discipline, neglect of recitations and infractions of the regulations adopted by the Committee prescribing the books to be used by the ſeveral classes in that ſchool; Whereupon it was moved and voted, that an addition of three Gentlemen be made to the ſub committee already appointed for visiting the Latin ſchool in the months of December and January; and that the committee, so enlarged, be enjoined to attend particularly to the ſituation of that ſchool, and make enquiry into the ſtate of discipline, improvement of the ſcholars &c. Hon^d Judge Davis, Doctor Welch and Doctor Dexter were chosen as the additional members of the ſub committee.

Voted, that any three of the above ſub committee may consider themselves and be a quorum for the purposes ſpecified in the vote preceding this.

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January 8th } At a meeting of the ſchool committee this day, present, Messrs Bulfinch, Emerson, Greene, Dexter, Kirkland, Tilden, Welch, John Davis, Oliver, Kettel Heard, 11, Voted, that the ſub committee for visiting the Latin School, with the gentlemen who were added to it at the last meeting of the ſchool committee be requested to visit that ſchool again in the course of the present month and at as early a day as possible & that the ſecretary notify Mr Porter, the chairman of the ſub committee of this vote

The ſemi-annual viſitation of the ſeveral ſchools was made on Friday the 19th February beginning at the South ſchools at 9 o'clock A: M:

March 25th At a meeting of the ſchool committee this day a vote of the town appointing the ſchool committee for the enſuing year was produced and read by the Chairman of the Hon.d board of Selectmen by which it appeared that the following gentlemen, in addition to the ſelectmen, were choſen to compoſe the Committee Viz: Hon.d John Davis, Rev.d Doctor Kirkland, Rev.d Mr Emerſon Hon.d John Phillips, Rev.d Mr Channing, Doctor Welch, Doctor Dexter, Col.o Arnold Welles, William Smith Esq.r David Green Esq.r John Heard Jun.r Esq.r & Charles Davis Esq.r

Voted, to come to the choice of a Secretary and treaſurer for the year enſuing. Charles Davis was choſen.

Voted, that Doctor Welch, Capt Chapman & the Hon.d John Davis be a committee to make ſub diviſions of the Committee for viſiting the ſeveral ſchools who reported the following arrangement which was accepted.

Viz Mess.rs John Davis
Kirkland
Emerſon
Welch
& Dexter
} Sub Committee for the Latin ſchool & to viſit that ſchool once in each month at leaſt.

Mess.rs Bulfinch
Webb
Phillips
& Smith
} Sub Com.ee to viſit ye South ſchools April, May & June
North do July & Sept.r
Center do Octo.r & Nov.r
West do Decem.r & Jan.y

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March 25 } Arrangement of Sub Committees for 1808 & 9 Contin^d

Messrs Foster, Chapman, Greene & Welles	to visit ye North ſchools in	April -	May	& June
	Centre d^o	July	&	Sept^r
	West d^o	Octo^r	&	Nov^r
	South d^o	Decem^r	&	Jan^y
Messrs Oliver, May, Channing & Heard	Centre	April	May	& June
	West	July	&	Sept^r
	South	Octo^r	&	Nov^r
	North	Decem^r	&	Jan^y
Messrs Hunnewell, Wright, Foster & C^s Davis	West	April	May	& June
	South	July	&	Sept^r
	North	Octo^r	&	Nov^r
	Centre	Decem^r	&	Jan^y

Voted, that the ſecretary cause one hundred copies of the aforegoing arrangement to be printed for the use & information of the Committee

Voted, that the ſeveral Masters and Ushers of the ſchools be continued in office the present year, Provided however they continue to conduct themselves to the satisfaction of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned untill Friday April 8th, (this day fortnight)

April 8th At a meeting of the ſchool committee this day holden by adjournment from the 25th ultimo, present Messrs Bulfinch, Foster, May, Webb, Chapman, Welles, Smith, Oliver, Channing, Kirkland, Welsh, J Davis, Heard & C Davis, 14,

Applications were produced from a number of gentlemen to be appointed Master of the South reading ſchool in the place of Doctor Bullard resigned, the applicants were Messrs John Fessenden, Math^w Bridge, Charles Prentiss, the Revd Joseph Mc Kean, Messrs Joseph Mulliken & Asaph Thompson after an examination of the certificates accompanying the

respective applications and ſome conversation on the qualifications of those who had presented themselves as Candidates it was voted, that the choice of a Master for the South reading ſchool be postponed untill this day week (April 15th) { 1808 April 8th

Voted, that one hundred dollars be granted to each of the Masters of the reading and writing ſchools and to the Master of the Latin grammar ſchool for the ſix months terminating on the first day of March last.

Voted, that fifty dollars be granted to each of the Ushers of the reading, writing and the latin ſchool for the ſix months ending the first day of March provided they have been in office during those ſix months, if not, then a proportion of that ſum according to the time any one usher may have been in office less than ſix months.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned untill Friday next the 15th inst.

April 15th 1808 An adjourned meeting of the Committee was holden this day at which were preſent the following members viz: Messrs Bulfinch, Greene, Dexter, Welch, Wright, Kirkland, Channing, Emerson, Weard, Webb, May, Eckley, Foster, J Davis, Hunnewell, Welles, Smith, Phillips & C Davis. (19) The Committee entered upon the consideration of the applications of gentlemen for the place of Master of the South reading ſchool, and after discussion it was voted to come to a ballot. Upon the votes being returned it appeared, that the Revd Joseph McKean had 16 votes and was chosen.

Voted, that the Secretary inform the Revd Joseph McKean of his election, and that the Sub Committee for visiting the ſouth ſchools, the preſent month introduce and induct Mr McKean to the charge of the ſouth reading ſchool as ſoon as Master Hilliard retires.

Voted, that a Committee of three be appointed to take into

1808 April 15th } into conſideration a book lately printed and publiſhed by Meſs^rs Manning & Loring and Lem^l Blake, being a ſelection from a work of Mr Berquin, and denominated "The beauties of the Childrens Friend."

Voted, that the Revd Mr Emerson, the Revd Doctor Kirkland & the Hon^l John Davis be the committee -

May 20th At a meeting of the ſchool Committee this day pursuant to notifications for the purpose of coming to the choice of a Master for the West reading ſchool vacant by the resignation of Doctor Cyrus Perkins. Present Meſs^rs Bulfinch, Welch, Kirkland, Smith, Dexter, Oliver, Chapman, Wright, Webb, May, Channing, Heard, Porter, Phillips & C Davis (15)

Sundry applications from, and testimonials in favour of a number of gentlemen wishing for the appointment of Master of the west reading ſchool were opened and read. The names of the applicants were, Nathl Storrs, William Jennison, Benj^a Gleason, William Fox, Thomas Payson, Joseph Mulliken and John Fessenden -

After discussion of the qualifications of the respective Candidates it was voted to come to a choice by ballot. Upon counting the votes returned it appeared that Mr Joseph Mulliken had 10 votes and was chosen.

Voted, that the Secretary notify Mr Mulliken of his election and that he notify Mr Hunnewell, the chairman of the ſub-committee for visiting the West ſchools the present month, that measures be taken to induct Mr Mulliken to the charge of the West reading ſchool on Monday the 30th inst.

At this meeting Mr Bigelow the Master of the Latin grammar ſchool, nominated Mr Jacob Bigelow as Usher of that ſchool Mr William Smith Junr the present usher having suggested his his intention of resigning. It not being certain that Mr Smith would resign, the consideration of this ſubject was postponed indefinitely.

M^r McKean

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May 10th

Mr McKean, the master of the South reading ſchool pre-
sented a nomination of Mr   to be
Usher of that ſchool - approved - The Chairman, Mr Bulfinch,
a statement of a misunderstanding existing between the
Master and Usher of the North reading ſchool. And Mr Foster
the chairman of the ſub committee for visiting that ſchool the
present month made a ſtatement of the facts and circum-
stances of the difficulty as they appeared upon the investi-
gation of the ſub committee. After deliberation, it was
Voted, that the ſecretary write to Master Ezekiel Little
and represent to him, that the ſchool committee are in-
formed of a misunderstanding between him and his Usher
also to represent to Master Little the impropriety of his
conduct in dismissing his Usher, the power of removal, not
being vested in him, and that if he have any cause of
complaint against the Usher that he immediately transmit
the ſame (in writing) to the Chairman of the ſchool Committee.

July 28th At a meeting of the School Committee, this
day, Voted, that the annual visitation of the ſchools be
made on Friday the 19th August next -
Voted, that the Committee be arranged in two Divisions
one to visit the North ſchools; the other, the ſouth ſchools
each to commence precisely at 8 o'clock A.M. and that
the division be made as follows -

viz: Messrs Bulfinch
May
Webb
Smith
Dexter
Welch
Welles
Heard
Foster
Phillips
Chapman
} Division for ye North ſchools.

Messrs Foster
Oliver
Hunnewell
Wright
Jnº Davis
Channing
Strickland
Greene
Emerson
Ch. Davis
} Division for ye South ſchools.

Voted, that the ſecretary notify the above named gentlemen
to

1808 July 28th } to meet at the ſchools, to which they are assigned at ½ past ſeven o'clock and that the exercises may be commenced precisely at 8 o'clock —

That 45 minutes be allowed to each ſchool
viz 30 minutes to the reading master
& 15 minutes to the writing master.

That after visiting the ſouth and north ſchools, both divisions of the committee proceed to the West ſchools the exercises there to begin at 10 o'clock — after which the committee to proceed to the Centre ſchools and that the visitation be ended at the Latin ſchool.

Voted, that the ſecretary give ſeasonable notice to the Masters of the arrangement relative to their respective ſchools, and desire them to confer together for the ſelection of pieces for exhibition, to prevent unnecessary repetition —

August 19th The ſchools were visited this day pursuant to the vote of the 28th ultimo —

October 21st 1808 At a meeting of the ſchool committee, this day, present Messrs Bulfinch, May, Channing, Webb, Welch Heard, Kirkland, Oliver, Porter, Foster, Greene, Welles & C Davis — Voted that one hundred dollars be granted to each Master and Fifty dollars to each Usher in addition to their respective ſalaries for the ſix months ending 1st Septr last to those who have been in Office during that time, and in that proportion to those who may have been in Office a part of those ſix months.

January 27th 1809. At a meeting of the ſchool Committee this day, Voted — that the next ſemi annual visitation of the ſchools be made on Friday the 17th Feby next to commence at the north ſchools precisely at 9 o'clock A. M.

February 17th 1809. The ſemi annual visitation of the ſchools was made this day, pursuant to the vote of the 27th ultimo

The School Committee met this day. Charles Bulfinch Esqr Chairman of the Honl Board of Selectmen, produced and read a vote of the town passed on the 13th March last, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen were then chosen, who in addition to the Selectmen compose the school committee for the year ensuing—

Viz: The Honl John Davis
The Honl John Phillips
The Revd Doctor Kirkland
Revd William Emerson
Revd William E Channing
Doctor Aaron Dexter
Colo Arnold Welles
Doctor Thomas Welsh
William Smith Esqr
David Greene Esqr
John Heard Junr Esqr
Charles Davis Esqr

At this meeting were present, Messrs Bulfinch, Welsh, Welles Emerson, Greene, Wright, Weld, Hunnewell, Foster, Heard Oliver, Webb, Foster, May, Phillips, Kirkland, Dexter, Smith and Ch. Davis, (19)

Voted to come to the choice, by ballot, of a secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year. Upon counting the ballots, it appeared that Charles Davis was chosen.

Voted. to appoint a committee to sub divide the school Committee for the purpose of visiting and overseeing the respective schools the ensuing year. Messrs Bulfinch, Welles and Welsh were appointed the Committee, who reported the following arrangement by which each sub committee is confined to the visiting and inspection of a particular school for the year. The arrangement reported was after discussion, unanimously adopted.

Arrangement

1809 April 7th } Arrangement of the ſchool Committee for 1809 = 10 —;

Messrs Emerſon, Dexter, Welch, Kirkland, J Davis — } To viſit the Latin ſchool once in each month at least —

Messrs Bulfinch, Smith, Webb & Weld } To viſit the north ſchools once in each month at least —

Messrs Foster, Welles, Greene & Phillips } To viſit the ſouth ſchools once in each month at least.

Messrs Oliver, May, Channing & Heard } To viſit the west ſchools once in each month at least —

Messrs Hunnewell, Wright, Foster & Wm Davis } To viſit the centre ſchools once in each month at least —

Voted, that the Committee now come to the choice of a Master for each of the ſchools for the enſuing year and that each choice be made by ballot. The reſult follows —

{ For master of the Latin Grammar ſchool; whole number of votes 18, of which Mr Bigelow the preſent Master had, 17, and was choſen —

{ For master of the Centre reading ſchool; whole number of votes 18 of which Mr Haskell, the preſent master, had 17, and was choſen

{ For Master of the Centre Wrighting ſchool, whole number of votes 1[illegible]

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of which Mr Snelling the present master had 16 and was chosen
For master of the ſouth wrighting ſchool, whole number of votes 18, of which Mr Webb, the present Master had 18 and was chosen
For master of the north reading ſchool, whole number of votes 18. of which Mr Little, the present master had 12 votes and was chosen
For master of the north wrighting ſchool; whole number of votes 18 of which Mr Tileston, the present master, had 18. & was chosen
For master of the west wrighting ſchool, whole number of votes 18. of which Mr Holt the present master had 18 and was chosen
For master of the west reading ſchool, whole number of votes 15. of which Mr Mulliken, the present master, had 15, and was chosen.

The Revd Joseph McKean having ſome time ſince offered his resignation as Master of the South reading ſchool & repeated his wish that ſome one might be appointed in his place as ſoon as circumstances would admit, and advertisements having been published, as usual, for candidates, it was voted to come to the choice of a Master for the ſouth reading ſchool in the place of Mr McKean

Applications from, and testimonials in favour of the following gentlemen were opened and read, Viz, Messrs John Fessenden, Stephen C Blyden, Nathl Storrs, Wood Furman, Ebenr Pemberton, Thomas Payson, Nathaniel Bridge, Asa Burnham, William Ballard and John Walker

Voted, to come now to the choice of a Master for the ſouth reading ſchool. Upon counting the ballots it appeared that Mr Thomas Payson had thirteen of the 19 votes and was chosen.

Voted, that the visiting Committee of the South schools induct Mr Payson to the charge of that ſchool as ſoon as Mr Payson ſhould be in Town.

A communication from ſeveral of the reading masters on the ſubject of a new dictionary which had been prepared for the use of the ſchools was read, and after discussion was committed to Messrs Kirkland, Emerson & Channing

1809 } to report at the next meeting, whether, in their
April 7th } opinion it be or be not necessary to adopt the
ſame for the use of the ſchools —

Voted, that the ſecretary inform the ſd masters of their reelection and Mr Payson of his being chosen Master of the South reading ſchool.

June 30th At a meeting of the Committee this day

Voted that the next annual visitation of the ſchools be made on Friday the 19th August next.

Voted, that the Secretary deliver to the Chairman of each ſub committee, the usual number of Medals, that each ſub committee make the usual examinations and deliver the medals to the most deserving boys previous to the annual visitation.

At this meeting representations were made that ſeveral of the ſchools were very much crouded with ſcholars, that the ſub committee for visiting the South ſchools at their last visitation found that there were 325 boys in Master Webbs ſchool, and that at Master Holts ſchool (West Boston) was ſo much crouded that he was obliged to dismiss part of his pupils at 10 o'clock to make room for others. After ſome discussion it was voted that the ſecretary notify the chairman of each ſub committee, that he cause the ſchools under his care to be visited as ſoon as may be; and that he ascertain the number of boys and girls at ſuch ſchools and whether there be any at ſchool who are either over or under the age prescribed by the regulations, and that each Chairman report at the adjournment.

Voted, that the meeting be adjourned untill Friday this day fortnight —

July 14th A majority of the Committee not meeting this day, notifications were issued for a meeting, to be had on Friday next ye 21st instant —

July 21st At a meeting of the Committee this day, present, Messrs Bulfinch, Welsh, Dexter, May, Kirkland, Emerson, Wright, Weld, Green & C Davis. The several sub committees made report of the number of boys on the lists of the respective schools by which it appeared that at the North Schools there are 328 on the list; at the South 325; At the West 330; at the Centre, 220 & at the Latin School 60 boys. It is to be observed that the number of boys at the schools, with the exception of the Latin School, is taken from the list appertaining to each wrighting school, the number of boys at the reading schools is less, as some who attend the wrighting schools do not go to either of the reading schools —

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration a publication lately issued from the press of Thomas B Waite & Co. entitled "Sacred extracts from the scriptures of the old and new testament &c. & that the Rev Doctor Kirkland, the Revd Mr Emerson & the Hond Judge Davis be the Committee.

Voted. that the above Committee report at the next meeting their opinion of the merits of the above publication, and whether it would be proper to admit the same to use in the reading schools, and if so when and in what manner the same shall be introduced.

Voted, that the annual visitation of the schools be made on Friday the 18th August next to commence at the north & south schools precisely at 8 o'clock A.M. and that the arrangement of the sub committee into two Divisions be made in a similar manner this year, to what it was the last year, and that the secretary notify the several masters of the visitation &c.

Voted; that the sub-committee having the care of the Latin School make particular enquiry into the situation of that

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July 21st } ſchool and report at the next meeting.

August 18th The annual visitation of the ſchools was made this day pursuant to the vote of the 21st ultimo.

August 25th At a meeting of the ſchool committee this day, present, Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Weld, Kirkland, Emerson, Welles, Green, Heard, Phillips, & C Davis. Doctr Kirkland, chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the merits of the book entitled "Sacred Extracts &c. made a report in wrighting. After ſome conversation on the ſubject it was moved and voted, that the further consideration of the report be postponed untill the next meeting and that in the mean time, the ſub committees make enquiry at each ſchool, as to the number of bibles now in use, also, as to the number of books in use, called "beauties of the bible" & how far the regulations of the Committee, respecting the reading of the bible at the ſchools, are observed.

A complaint signed by Jabez Ellis and twenty three others, inhabitants of the South part of the town against Mr Payson, Master of the South reading school was read, and taken into consideration, whereupon it was voted, that the complaint be committed to the sub committee, having the care of that ſchool to make enquiry of the complainants and of Master Payson, and having obtained knowledge of the circumstances of the case, to report their opinion thereon at the next meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned untill this day fort night.

September 8th At a meeting of the Committee this day present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Webb, Welch, Kirkland, Heard, Emerson, Green, Phillips, Welles, Channing & C Davis.

the Committee, to whom, at the last meeting the complaint against Master Layson was referred made the following report in writing: "The Committee appointed to consider the applica-
"tion of Jabez Ellis and others, respecting the Master of the
"South reading school, having heard the applicants and
"said master, report, that in their opinion, it is not necessa-
"ry for the School Committee to take any further order on
"said application at present. by order of sd Comm.ee Wm Porter Chairn."
(The complaint & report are on file) After considerable conversa-
tion it was moved ~~and voted~~, that the above report be
accepted, which passed unanimously.

Voted, that the sub committee for visiting the South reading school take measures, as soon as may be, that a suitable person be placed in the Office of Usher of that School.

The report of the Committee appointed to take into consideration, the merits of a work entitled. "Sacred Extracts" &c. was again debated. The report follows. "The committee appointed to
"consider the merits of Sacred Extracts and the expediency of
"introducing it to use in the Publick Schools have attended
"that service and report. That the work consists entirely
"of portions of the Scriptures, selected with care and impartiality;
"and judiciously arranged, that it contains the most important
"parts of the old testament history; several of the most sublime
"and affecting passages of the prophets, and specimens of the
"psalms and proverbs; that the extracts from the new testa-
"ment, comprise principal portions of the gospels, representing the
"character, discourses and actions; sufferings and resurrection of
"the saviour; and judicious selections from the acts and epis-
"tles. That the typographical execution is very fair and neat,
"and the work is offered at a moderate price. By a standing
"regulation of the School Committee, the bible is to be read in
"course in the schools, and Selections from it are also authori-
"zed for particular classes. Your Committee are of opinion, that

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Sept 8th } "that the "Sacred Extracts" is better adapted to answer
"the purpose of such selections, than any work of the kind here-
"tofore used, and recommend that it be adopted as one of the
"reading books in the Town Schools, Boston Augt 25th 1809 —
signed Jno T. Kirkland P order —"

After debate, it was moved that the aforegoing report be accepted and the vote passed unanimously.

Voted, unanimously, that the Masters of the several reading schools be instructed to use the book, entitled, "Sacred "Extracts from the scriptures of the old and new testaments "for the more convenient attainment of a knowledge of "the inspired writers. For the use of schools and families." instead of the book entitled "Beauties of the bible." as shall be found convenient for the parents of the children, and the course of instruction in the schools.

The sub committee for the Latin School made the following report.

Boston Septr 4th 1809

The Latin School division of the School Committee, appointed to consider the state of the Latin School, ask leave to report.

1st That it is expedient in their opinion to alter the standing regulations of the school, so far, as that boys may henceforth be admitted at the age of nine years and that they may stay in the school five years.

2nd That the Master be directed to divide the school into five or six classes, as he shall find best adapted to the improvement of the boys.

3rd That it is inexpedient for the Master to teach Latin & Greek in private hours, to boys belonging to the School

4th Lastly, the Committee have resolved to visit the School every week (Thursday morning 9 Clock) with a view of ascertaining the exact state of the school and of increasing its usefulness P order. Wm Emerson

Upon motion it was voted to consider the above report

by paragraphs. The first paragraph was accepted. The second was accepted. The third was not accepted. As the fourth contained merely a regulation, by which the sub committee had resolved to govern themselves, no vote was passed upon it. The Committee however, expressed great satisfaction, with the regulation, and their expectations that it would be attended with good effects.

The sub Committee for the Latin School nominated Mr. Nathaniel Kemble Greenwood Oliver as Usher of that school. This nomination was approved by the Committee.

Upon motion, voted that the Secretary publish notice in the News papers that those parents and guardians who intend sending their children and wards to the Latin School offer them for admission in the course of the present month. Also, that he notify them of the alteration made in the standing regulations respecting the admission of boys to that school at the age of nine years instead of ten with a view to their remaining five instead of four years. This ~~alteration~~ alteration having become expedient in consequence of the Government of the University at Cambridge, now requiring higher qualifications in Candidates for admission to College, than were required at the time the standing regulations were adopted. Adjourned.

October 12th. At a meeting of the School Committee this day, present, Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Welles, Jr Davis, Channing, Dexter, Wright, Phillips, Smith, Greene, Oliver, May, Foster, Weld, Heard, Webb & Chas. Davis, 17.

Mr Joseph Adams, appeared before the Committee and made complaint of the conduct of Mr Baker (the Usher of the South writing school) towards his two sons, alledging, that the punishment inflicted by Mr Baker upon them, was unmerited, unjust, and wantonly cruel. In support of these allegations Mr Adams made a long statement of the circumstances, attending the case and

1809 } October 12th } and of his own conduct towards Baker &c. and prayes for the interference of the Committee — But it appearing that Mr Baker had vacated his office, and therefore not subject to the control of the Committee, and it also appearing from Mr Adams own statement that Baker had commenced a suit at Law against him for an assault and battery, alleged by Baker, to have been committed on him by Adams in revenge of the punishment inflicted on the two boys. It was moved, as the opinion of the School Committee, that, in these circumstances, it would be improper in them to express any official opinion on the case at present, which motion was unanimously adopted.

On the report of the Sub committee for the South Schools, Mr Joseph Field jun.r was approved, as Usher of the South reading School.

On the report of the same Committee Doctor Asa Bucknam was approved as Usher of the South writing School.

1810 } Feb.y 5th } The semi annual visitation of the Schools was fixed, for Friday the twenty third instant, to commence at the South Schools, precisely at nine o'Clock A. M. The several Masters were notified accordingly.

Feb.y 23.d The semi annual visitation of the Schools was made this day agreeably to the vote of the fifth instant.

At a meeting of the School Committee this day, present, Messrs Bulfinch, Greene, Porter, Smith, Welles Wright, Heard, Webb, Prescott, Welch, Kirkland, and Davis.

The Chairman of the Hon^d Board of Selectmen Charles Bulfinch Esqr read a vote of the Town of Boston, passed March 12th 1810 by which it appeared, that the Selectmen, to wit, Charles Bulfinch, William Porter, Ebenezer Oliver, Jon^a Hunnewell, John May, Francis Wright, Nathan Webb Joseph Foster and Benjamin Weld Esquires, together with the following gentlemen, viz: The Revd Doctor Kirkland, The Revd William Emerson, The Rev William E Channing, Doctor Aaron Dexter, Doctor Thomas Welch, David Greene Esqr, Arnold Welles Esqr, William Smith Esqr, The Hon^d William Prescott, the Hon^d John Phillips John Heard jun^r Esqr and Charles Davis Esqr were chosen as the School Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, to come to the choice of a Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year, upon counting the ballots it appeared that Charles Davis was chosen.

Voted. That Doctor Welch and the Revd Doctor Kirkland, be a Committee to arrange the School Committee into Sub Committees for visiting and superintending the several schools, who reported the following arrangement, which was unanimously accepted.

Arrangement of the School Committee for 1810.. 11..

Messrs Emerson
Kirkland
Channing
Greene
Phillips } To visit the Latin School, once in each month at least

1810 April 13th } Arrangement into ſub committees for 1810 & 11 contin—

Messrs	Bulfinch Smith Webb & Weld	To visit the North Schools once in each month at least.
Messrs	Porter Heard Welles & Prescott	To visit the South Schools (as above)
Messrs	Oliver May Dexter & Welch	To visit the Centre ſchools. (as above)
Messrs	Hunnewell Wright Foster & Davis	To visit the West Schools (as above)

Voted, that the Masters and Ushers of the ſeveral ſchools be continued in office for the present year, provided they conduct themselves to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Voted, that the Masters be directed by the Secretary to make return of the Ushers in their ſchools, and that in future, whenever they nominate an usher, they make imme-diate return to the chairman of the ſub committee, under whose care the ſchool may be, that the nomination may be approved or disapproved of.

Voted, that one hundred dollars be granted to each Master, and fifty dollars be granted to each usher in addition to their respective ſalaries for the ſix months ending the first day of March last, the ſum to be in proportion

to the time any Master or Usher may have been in office during those six months provided there be any who have not been in office during the whole of that time.

A letter from Francis Nichols of Philadelphia, respecting two books; the one entitled a compend of Geography containing a concise description of the different countries of the earth for the use of Students, the other entitled a compend of Astronomy, containing an exposition of the appearances of the celestial bodies for the use of Students" was read by the chairman. The purpose of the letter, was, to propose the books for the consideration of the Committee, as to their being introduced to the Schools.

Voted. that Messrs Green & Kirkland be a committee to examine the above books, and report their opinion as to their merits, and on the expediency of introducing them to use in the Schools.

July 13th Committee met, present Messrs Mulfinch, Porter Wright Greene, Welles, Heard, Weld Webb, Davis, Smith Bliss, Dexter & Welch.

Voted, that the Sub Committees examine the pieces, or passages proposed to be read, at the reading Schools on the ensuing annual visitation of the Schools, and if necessary, direct a selection of such pieces or passages, as may be, by them, considered as most suitable.

Voted, that the annual visitation of the Schools be made on Friday the 17th August next, and that the Secretary notify the Masters accordingly, and that the Committee be formed into two divisions so that the visitation may be commenced at the North & South Schools at the same time. viz: at 8 o'clock A.M. precisely.

1810 July 13th } Voted that each Sub Committee at its next visitation of the Schools under its immediate care, take measures to prevent the practice, (which has of late become too prevalent) of boys remaining all day at the writing Schools, and that the masters be enjoined to see, that the regulations of the School committee in this particular be strictly complied with and in no instance be set aside except with the consent of the Sub Committee.

August 17th The annual visitation of the Schools was made this day pursuant to the vote of the 30th ultimo.

1811 Feby 4th } Ordered that the Semi annual visitation of the Schools be made on Friday the 22nd inst.

Feby 22nd The Semi annual visitation of the Schools was made this day commencing at the North schools at 9 o'Clock.

March 22nd At a meeting of the School Committee this day at Faneuil Hall present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Weld, Foster, Buckminster, Welch, Head Welles.

The chairman read a vote of the town passed at the March meeting by which it appeared, that the Selectmen, to wit, Charles Bulfinch, William Foster Ebenezer Oliver, Jonathan Hunnewell, John May, Francis Wright, Nathan Webb, Joseph Foster and Benjamin Weld Esquires together with the following gentlemen, The Reverend William Emerson, The Revd William E Channing, The Rev Joseph S Buckminster, The Hon John Phillips, The Hon William Prescott, General Arnold Welles, Doctor Aaron Dexter Doctor Thomas Welch, William Smith Esqr, David Greene Esqr John Head Junr Esqr and Charles Davis Esqr were chosen the

 1811 March 22nd

School Committee for the ensuing year -

Voted, to come to the choice of a ſecretary & treasurer for the year ensuing upon counting the ballots, it appeared that Charles Davis was chosen.

Voted, that Messrs Welch and Heard be a committee to arrange the School Committee into ſub committees for visiting and ſuperintending the ſeveral ſchools who reported the following arrangement, which was accepted - Viz:

Messrs Emerſon Buckminster Channing Greene Phillips	To visit the Latin School once in each month at least.
Messrs Bulfinch Smith Webb Weld	To visit the North Schools - as above.
Messrs Foster Heard Welles Prescott	To visit the South Schools - as above.
Messrs Oliver May Dexter Welch	To visit the Centre Schools - as above.
Messrs Hunnewell Wright Foster Davis	To visit the West Schools - as above.

Voted, that the Masters and Ushers of the ſeveral schools be continued in office for the present year provided they conduct themselves to the satisfaction of the

1811 1811 } the Committee, and that the Secretary notify
March } them of the ſame.
22nd }

Voted, that one hundred dollars be granted to each Master and fifty dollars be granted to each Usher in addition to their respective ſalaries for the ſix months ending the first day of March instant, the ſum to be in proportion to the time any Master or Usher may have been in Office during those ſix months, provided there be any, who have not been in Office during the whole of that time.

August 9th At a meeting of the School Committee this day, present Messrs Bulfinch, Dexter, Smith, Webb, Foster, Greene, Weld, Porter, Channing, Wright, Welles Welch and Davis —

The Chairman communicated a vote of the Town passed 27th May last, by which it appeared, that the Reverend Charles Lowell was chosen one of the School Committee in the place of the Reverend William Emerſon deceased.

Voted that the Revd Mr Lowell be placed on the ſub committee for visiting the Latin School.

The Chairman also communicated a vote of the Town passed the 27th May last as follows —

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Boston on the 27th day of May A.D. 1811 — "Voted that the petition from the inhabitants of South Boston respecting ſchooling their children, be referred to the ſchool committee, who are hereby requested to pay an immediate attention to the ſame, and to make ſuch proviſion for the ſame as they ſhall think reasonable."

After consideration and examination of the petition & the papers accompanying the ſame, Voted, that an appropriation of three hundred dollars be made, for the benefit of the

petitioners from South Boston for the purpose of establishing a ſchool for their children the present year, subject however to the inspection & approbation of the School Committee as to the choice of the Master and the regulation of the ſchool, and the Selectmen are desired to insert the Compensation in their quarterly drafts as customary with the other Masters in the ſervice of the Town — 1811 August 19th

Information was communicated to the Committee that Mr Fales, the Usher of the Latin School intended to resign his ſituation immediately after the next commencement and an application from Mr Nathaniel Frothingham was, at the ſame time received requesting he might be appointed Usher to the Latin School when Mr Fales ſhould leave. Voted, that the application of Mr Frothingham be committed to the ſub committee for visiting the Latin ſchool to consider and report —

A book entitled (Selections from Ovid.) was ſubmitted to the consideration of the committee as being proper to be introduced to use in the Latin School whereupon Voted, that that ſaid book be committed to the ſub committee for visiting the Latin School to examine and make report of its merits.

Friday August 16th. The annual visitation of the several ſchools was made this day beginning with the North & South reading ſchools precisely at 8 O'clock A.M. The number of ſcholars at each ſchool appeared by the returns of the masters made this day, to be as follows

1812 Feb 7 } The semi annual visitation of the Schools was made this day.

March There was this day a meeting of the School Committee called by notifications from the chairman of the board of Selectmen, who communicated to the gentlemen present the following vote of the Town.

At a legal meeting of the Citizens of the town of Boston on Monday the ninth day of March AD 1812 Voted, that in addition to the Selectmen twelve persons shall now be chosen a School Committee and the votes being collected it appeared that the following gentlemen were chosen Viz.

Revd William E Channing
Rev Charles Lowell
Doctor Thomas Welsh
William Smith Esq
Hon John Phillips
Hon William Prescott

Rev Joseph S Buckminster
Doctor Aaron Dexter
Genl Arnold Welles
David Greene Esq
John Heard Junr &
Charles Davis Esqs

Voted, that the above named Gentlemen who conjunctly with the Selectmen are termed the School Committee be and hereby are directed to carry the System of education adopted by the Town into Operation, and that the said committee be also authorized and empowered conjunctly to manage and regulate the Government of the Schools; and to execute all the powers relative to the Schools and School masters which the Selectmen or such Committees are authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth, or by votes of the town to exercise. A true copy from the record Signed Thomas Clarke, Town

Clerk –
Voted to come to the choice of a Secretary, upon counting the ballots, it appeared that Charles Davis Esqr was chosen –

Voted, that Doctor Welsh and Mr Heard be a committee to arrange the school committee into sub committees for visiting the several schools the ensuing year who reported the following arrangement which was accepted.

Revd Mr Channing Revd Mr Buckminster Revd Mr Lowell Mr Greene Mr Phillips	to visit the Latin School
Messrs Bulfinch Smith Webb & Weld	to visit the North Schools.
Messrs Foster Welles Prescott & Heard	to visit the South Schools
Messrs Oliver Dexter & Welsh	to visit the Center Schools
Messrs Hunnewell Wright Davis & Loring	to visit the West Schools

Voted that the several Masters & Ushers now in Office be continued in Office the present year, provided they conduct themselves to the satisfaction of the committee & that the Secretary notify them thereof.

Voted that one hundred dollars be granted each Master & fifty dollars each Usher in addition to their salaries for the six months ending the first day of March inst. the sum to be in proportion to the time any Master or Usher may have been in Office during those six months provided there are any, who may not have been in

1812 } Office the whole of that time.
March } Voted that a committee of three be appointed to revise the regulations.

Voted. That the Rev^d Mr Channing. Mr Bulfinch & the Rev^d Mr Buckminster be the committee.

May 22nd at a meeting of the School Committee at the Selectmens room Faneuil Hall on Friday Afternoon May 22nd 1812. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Weld, Lovering, Dexter, Foster, Oliver, Davis, Heard, Welles, Prescott & Phillips.

The Chairman read a vote of the Town passed ye 20th ins^t as follows. At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston on Wednesday the 20th day of May A D 1812

Voted. That the School Committee be empowered to take immediate measures for the removal of the Centre reading & writing School house from the front of the New Court House and for this purpose they be authorised and empowered to enlarge or rebuild the Latin School House in such a manner as to accommodate the reading, writing & Latin Schools.

Voted. That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated towards maintaining a School for African children under the direction of the School committee

Signed Thomas Clark Town Clerk

Voted that the chairman cause a copy of the following to be inserted as an advertizement in the News Papers

"Notice"

Whereas, at the late meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Boston in town meeting legally assembled. The

School committee were directed and empowered to proceed immediately to enlarge the Latin School House in School Street in such manner as will best accommodate, the Centre, reading writing & Grammar Schools. Notice is hereby given, that the Subscriber will receive proposals untill the 15th June next from all persons who may be disposed to contract to execute the work necessary for the contemplated alterations, and to furnish materials therefor. The plans and a particular description of the work may be seen by applying to Charles Bulfinch Esq at the Selectmens room Faneuil Hall Boston. { 1812 May

At a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday afternoon July 1st 1812. Voted to proceed immediately to carry into execution the vote of the town passed the 20th May last.

Voted. that the board of Selectmen be and hereby are requested to hire a building situate in Friend Street called the Spermaceti works said to belong to J. C. Jones Esqr for the purpose of accommodating the Latin School, while the alterations are making in the School house.

Voted. That Charles Bulfinch Doctor Aaron Dexter and Jonathan Hunnewell Esqs be a committee to superintend the building of the Schools in School Street and make all the necessary Contracts with full powers to do every thing needful and proper in the premises —

August 1812 } The annual visitation of the Schools was made this day. The Public dinner at Faneuil Hall was omitted on this occasion on account of the war with the

1812 190. } country of our Ancestors.
August }

At a meeting of the committee 28th August 1812. The chairman offered for consideration an application from Mr Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright for the place of Usher in the Latin ſchool provided the ſame be vacant; also a certificate from the Rev Doctor Kirkland, President of Harvard University in favour of his qualifications for that office. Voted whereupon, that the Sub Committee for the Latin School be requested to introduce Mr Wainwright into that ſchool as Usher untill the further order of the ſchool committee.

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Jany 1st } At a meeting of the Committee this day voted that the next ſemi annual visitation of the ſchools be made on Friday the 20th ins. & that the Secretary notify the Masters of the ſeveral ſchools accordingly. The committee appointed to revise the regulations and examine the books used in the ſchools reported, they had waited for communications from the masters on the ſubject, but had not received any. But of themselves, they had been enabled to discover there was a considerable variety in the books used at the different ſchools, & that the want of uniformity in this particular had an unfortunate effect, in addition to its causing in ſome instances an unnecessary expence. whereupon voted that the committee proceed in the discharge of the duties appertaining to their appointment and make report as ſoon as may be.

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It was suggested that the Masters had furnished a list of the books used by them in their respective schools, which had been delivered to the late Rev. Mr Buckminster and could not now be found among his papers. Whereupon voted, that the Masters be called upon for another list.

Jany 20th 1813. The same annual visitation to the schools was made this day.

March 1813 – This day a meeting was holden for the purpose of organizing the board pursuant to notices issued by the Chairman of the Selectmen, who read to the gentlemen assembled a vote of the town of which the following is a copy.

At a meeting of the Citizens of the Town of Boston on Monday the day of March 1813. Voted that in addition to the Selectmen twelve persons shall now be chosen a School Committee, and the votes being collected it appeared that the following gentlemen were chosen

Doctor Thomas Welsh
Doctor Aaron Dexter
William Smith Esq
William Wells Esq
The Rev. William E Channing
John Heard jun. Esq

Charles Davis Esq
The Rev. Charles Lowell
The Rev. Horace Holley
Peter O Thacher Esq
Francis J Oliver Esq
Doctor John C Warren

Voted that the above gentlemen, who conjunctly with the selectmen are termed the School Committee be and hereby are directed to carry the system of education adopted by the Town into operation and that said committee be also authorized and empowered, conjunctly to manage and regulate the schools

1813 March } and to execute all the powers relative to the ſchools and ſchool masters, which the Selectmen or ſuch committee are authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth or by votes of the town to exercise.

Voted to come to the choice of a Secretary, upon counting the ballots it appeared that Charles Davis was choſen.

Voted. That Benjamin Weld Esqr Doctor Dexter & Peter O Thacher Esqr be a committee to arrange the ſchool committee into ſub committees for visiting the ſeveral ſchools, who reported the following arrangement which was accepted.

For the Latin Grammar School.

Peter O Thacher
Revd Mr Channing
Revd Mr Lowell
Revd Mr Holley &
Mr William Wells

Messrs Bulfinch Webb Austin & Smith	}	North Schools.
Messrs Foster Heard J C Warren & Lovering	}	South Schools
Messrs Oliver Weld Dexter & Williams	}	Centre Schools
Messrs Hunnewell Davis Welsh & Francis J Oliver	}	West Schools

Voted that the choice of the ſeveral Masters & Ushers

be postponed untill the ſecond Friday in the next month.

Voted that one hundred dollars be granted each Master and fifty dollars each Usher in addition to their respective ſalaries for the ſix months ending the 1 March inst. provided they have been ſo long in Office and in the ſame proportion for a ſhorter time any one may have been in Office.

Voted. that this meeting be adjourned to the ſecond Friday of the next month. —

April 9th 1813 At a meeting of the Committee this day. Voted that the Masters & Ushers of the ſeveral ſchools be continued in office the present year provided they demean themſelves to the ſatiſfaction of the committee —

On repreſentation of the ſituation of the Latin ſchool made by the ſub Committee for viſiting that ſchool Voted. that said ſub Committee be and hereby are requested to repeat their examinations and if the ſchool continue as at present, that the Master be informed the expectations of the Committee are not realized and unless there is a conſiderable alteration in the appearance of the ſchool the Committee will be under the neceſſity of diſpenſing with the ſervices of the Master.

Voted. that the ſub Committee for viſiting the West ſchools be requested to tell the master of the reading ſchool, that the Committee have been informed he is in the habit of leaving his ſchool during ſchool hours to attend to business as a Phyſician. & that if the information be well founded & he persist in the practice, that his ſervices as Master of the ſchool will

1813 } be dispensed with.
March } Voted. that the sub committee for visiting the South schools be requested to inform the Usher of Mr Webbs school, that unless he alter his conduct & become more attentive to his duty he will be removed.

At a meeting of the Committee Augt 1813 voted that the annual visitation of the schools be made on Wednesday the 12th inst to begin at the North & South schools at 8 o'clock A. M. & that the committee be divided as follows

at North Schools.	at South Schools.
Messrs Bulfinch	Ebenr Oliver
Weld	Hunnewell
Austin	Foster
Smith	Lovering
Welch	Williams
Wells	Dexter
Heard	Channing
F. J. Oliver	Holley
Lowell	Thacher
	Davis
	Warren.

August 12th 1813. The annual visitation of the schools was made this day.

At a meeting of the School committee Friday Novr 12th 1813 present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Weld, Welch, Dexter, Holley, Lowell, Smith, Wells, Oliver jun. Thacher. Davis

The Chairman submitted for consideration an application signed by Adam Bent, John Delue & Abel Hewins for further allowance towards maintaining the school at South Boston

whereupon it was voted, that as the whole amount of taxes paid by South Boston is about one thousand dollars, and as three hundred dollars are already appropriated for that district, it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition. { 1813 Novr

Voted that Messrs Holley, Channing & Wells be a committee to examine the merits of a book called "The New English Grammar" and decide on the expediency of causing it to be used in the schools & report at the next meeting

The sub committee for visiting the Latin School reported, that after repeated examinations & trials they were not satisfied with the instruction given & the attainments made in the Latin School. therefore it was voted that Mr Bigelow be informed, that, at the next election, he will not be considered a candidate for the office of Master of the Latin School, and that he have an opportunity to resign his office before the period of the next election of Masters.

Sub-Committees for the year 1814

Latin School.	North	West
Messrs. Thacher	— Bulfinch	— Hunnewell
Lowell	Smith	Dr Welsh
Holley	Webb	F. J. Oliver
Cary	Austin	Heard.
Wells		

Centre	South
Messrs. Oliver	— Foster
Wild	Ch: Davis
Williams	Dr Warren
Cutler	Lovering

March 18th 1814

At a meeting of the School Committee this day, present, Ch. Bulfinch Esq President, Revd Messrs Lowell, Holley, Cary, Messrs Oliver Thacher Welch Weld Foster Smith Loring Williams Austin Wells

The Chairman read a vote of the town passed in legal town-meeting March 14th by which it appeared — "That in addition to the Selectmen, the following twelve persons were chosen a School Committee" — viz

"Revd Charles Lowell	Charles Davis
Revd Horace Holley	John Heard Jr
Revd Saml Cary	Peter O. Thacher
Aaron Dexter M.D	William Smith
Thomas Welch M.D.	Francis J. Oliver and
John C. Warren M.D	William Wells Esqrs"

Voted — That the above named gentlemen, who conjunctly with the Selectmen are termed

1814 March } termed the School Committee, be and hereby are directed to carry the system of education adopted by the Town into operation, and that said Committee be also authorized and empowered conjunctly to manage and regulate the government of the Schools, and to execute all the powers relative to the Schools & Schoolmasters which the Selectmen or such Committees are authorized by the laws of the Commonwealth or by votes of the Town to exercise.

Attest Thos. Clark Town Clerk.

Upon counting the votes by Ballot for Secretary and Treasurer it appeared that Mr William Wells was chosen.

Voted That Nine persons be hereafter considered a quorum to transact the business of this Board.

Voted That the several Instructors of the Schools be continued in their several stations during the ensuing year, they conducting themselves to the satisfaction of the Committee, with the exception of the Latin School.

Voted That the sub-committee of the West School be requested to visit the school forthwith in order to ascertain the state of it _ to report at the next meeting and to return the number of the Scholars upon the Books of the said School.

Voted That the Masters of the several Schools be desired to make a return at the next meeting of the Committee of the number of their Scholars upon the Books of their respective Schools; and also of the Average number ~~annually attending~~; with

their names and places of abode. { 1814 March

Voted That the usual grants to Masters and Ushers be made for the ensuing year.

The Sub-Committee of the Latin School made the following Report.

"The Sub-Committee of the Latin School would respectfully inform the General Committee, that pursuant to a vote passed at the last meeting, they have advertised in the public newspapers in Boston, for an Instructor to take charge of that School from and after the first of May next. They are not yet able to recommend to the Committee a suitable Candidate for the station. In the choice of an Instructor there is involved a responsibility on which the reputation and usefulness of the School altogether depend. It is in the power of the Committee and it is undoubtedly their earnest desire, to enable the lads at that School to reap advantages equal at least to those which are enjoyed at any Academy in the Commonwealth. Indeed the system of instruction and discipline there ought to furnish a model for similar Institutions. The rules for the admission of pupils, for their hours of attendance, and for their instruction should be strictly enforced. But rules for the government of the School will be of little avail, unless the Instructor unite to the learning of a scholar, the manners of a gentleman, unless he possess talents both to govern and instruct his pupils, both to gain their affection and to command their respect. The Sub-Committee feel it to be their duty to state to the general Committee, that the salary which is now given to the Instructor of the Latin School, is inadequate to command the services of a gentleman who is possessed of the necessary qualifications, and it is not to be expected that suitable Candidates will present themselves, unless it be known, that an

1814 March } an honorable and permanent salary will be allowed for their support and encouragement. The Sub-Committee would therefore respectfully submit the following as the result of their deliberations.

1st That the Salary of the principal Instructor of the Latin School be raised to the sum of Two Thousand Dollars annually at least —

2nd That the Instructor of that School be required to devote his time to his pupils, and that he be restricted from keeping a private School —

3rd That the Scholars be instructed in all the branches of education which are required for admission to Harvard College, and that no other be taught in the School —

4th That in future the hours of attendance at School, from the 1st of April to the 1st of October be from 8 to 12 in the forenoon, and from 3 till 6 in the afternoon, and from the 1st of October to the 1st of April from 9 till 12 in the forenoon, and from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. —

5th That until an Instructor can be found, who shall possess qualifications to the full approbation of the Committee, the Sub Committee be authorized to employ an Instructor pro tempore.

Per order Peter O. Thacher } Chairman }

Boston, March 18. 1814

The above Report having been read, it was

Voted To accept the Report of the Sub Committee of the Latin School.

Adjourned to the first Friday in May, to meet regularly on the first Friday in each Month, at 4 o'clock P. M.

April 15th 1814

1814 April

At a special meeting of the Committee held this day — Present Messrs Bulfinch, Welsh, Webb & J. Oliver, Williams Levering Cary Smith Warren Davis, Thacher Holley Dexter Heard Wells

The following Report from the Sub-Committee was read and accepted.

"The School Committee having, at their last meeting, authorized the Sub-Committee for the Latin School to employ a master for that school, for a limited time, unless a candidate should appear of such character and qualifications, as to justify his election upon a permanent foundation, the sub-committee have attended to the duty, and they now respectfully ask leave to communicate the result.

Having considered the recommendations accompanying the applications of the respective candidates, and after due enquiry, they unanimously agreed to employ Mr Benjamin A. Gould, now a member of the Senior Class in Harvard University, to take charge of the School from the first of May next till commencement, and to recommend to the Committee to continue him in the same for one year from that time, on probation. They agreed likewise, that his Salary should be two thousand Dollars a year, and after that rate for a shorter period. In adopting this course, it is believed that the Committee will

1814 April } will consult the best interests of both parties; as the Candidate will have one complete Classic year, in which to display his talents as an Instructor, and the Committee will not be bound to continue him in office after the expiration of that term if he should not realize their expectations. In selecting a young man, the sub-committee thought, that he would have every inducement, which can stimulate an honorable mind, to raise his own reputation, and to identify it with that of the School.

The Sub-committee would further state, that Mr Gould produced to them satisfactory evidence of his religious and moral character. The Government of the College recommended him as among the first Scholars of his Class, and as a young man of sound judgment and discretion. Prior to his admission to the University, and during his residence there, he has been at intervals, employed as an instructor, and has been found, to possess in an eminent degree, the talents, both to govern and to instruct youth. The certificates relative to Mr Gould are submitted to the Committee for their information, and it is sincerely hoped, that the appointment will be found to promote the best interests of the town, which are so nearly connected with the welfare of the rising generation.

Boston April 15. 1814 P. C. Thacher
Chairman

At a meeting of the School Committee May 6. 1814 Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Dexter, Warren, Holley, Webb, Foster, Cary, Welsh Thacher, Austin, Lovering, Wells. } 1814 May.

Voted — That the Secretary be desired to notify the Committee to meet at 11 o-clock on Monday May 30th on the floor of the new Court-house, and to proceed thence to the Latin School.

Voted — That the Selectmen be desired in making up the accounts of the Town, to consider Mr Bigelow's salary as continuing to the first of June, being the end of the Quarter.

Upon a petition of the Ushers of the several schools for an additional grant — Voted — That it is inexpedient to make any alteration in this respect.

Adjourned

At a meeting of the School Committee June 29. 1814. Present Messrs Bulfinch Hunnewell Weld Williams Davis Thacher F. J. Oliver Heard Lovering Austin E Oliver Wells

The following Report from the Sub-committee of the Latin School was read and accepted.

The Sub-Committee of the Latin School recommend to the School Committee the following regulations for the benefit of the Lads who

1811 } June } attend at that School, viz

1. That the School be divided into five Classes; to correspond with the term of five years in which Lads are expected to prosecute their Studies in that School, to qualify themselves for admission into Harvard University.

2 That the three lowest classes be dismissed at eleven o-clock in the forenoon, that they may have an opportunity to attend the writing Schools at private hours, as they have been accustomed to do in time past.

3 That the two highest Classes be taught such branches of Arithmetic and Geography as are required for admission into Harvard University — Also that the School be furnished with a set of globes and maps, to be used by the lads under the inspection of the Masters and to be deposited in their care.

4 That the Lads be required to write their exercises in a fair hand, so as to combine improvement in hand writing with progress in their Classical pursuits.

It being necessary to appoint an Usher for the year following the next commencement, the Committee have rec'd an application from Mr Thomas Bulfinch, a member of the senior Class at Harvard University, accompanied with Certificates of his qualifications with which they are satisfied, and they recommend him to the Committee for their approbation" Pr Order S. Thacher

June 28. 1811 Chairman

1814 June

Voted That a Consideration of the Petition of the Masters of the Writing Schools for increased Compensation be deferred until the next monthly meeting.

— That the Books presented be distributed two to each School.

— That the Sub-Committee of the Latin School be directed to purchase Maps & Globes & to deposit them in the care of the Master.

— That the Chairman of each Sub-Committee be directed to visit the Schools and distribute the Medals if they shall appear to have deserved them.

Adjourned

At a meeting of the School Committee August 5th 1814 — present Messrs. Bulfinch, Weld, Austin, Williams, Webb, Holley, Cary, Lowell, Welsh, Warren, Heard & Thacher. —

Voted — That the Annual Visitation of the Schools take place on Wednesday the 24th inst. — the Comee. to be divided into two portions by the Chairman and Secy each division to commence the visitation at 8 o-clock at the North and South Schools, and to join at the West school — The Secy to notify the Masters of the day.

Voted — That Messrs. Thacher & Welsh be desired to insert in the papers an advertisement, to inform parents of the arrangements adopted at the Latin Gr. Sch. and to notify them, to offer their children for admission, the week after commencement —

1814 Decr. } At a meeting of the School Committee on Friday Decr 2. 1814 — present Messrs Bulfinch, Ch. Davis, Dexter, Cary, Smith, Welch, Thacher, E. Oliver, Holley, Williams, Webb, Austin, Wells —

Voted — That a Committee of three be raised to take into consideration the petition of Messrs J. B. Wait & Sons respecting a Book entitled "Sacred Extracts". & ye Revd. Messrs Holley & Cary, with Mr Wells were appointed.

— That it is inexpedient at present to grant the petition of the Masters & Ushers of the several schools for an increase of Salary.

Adjourned

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